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TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021

Employment Generation through NATS

3517. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives;
- (c) whether the employment opportunities have been increased after the implementation of the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with status in 2020-21;
- (e) the number of students enrolled in NATS and Internship in industries after completing their degrees and diplomas in engineering; and
- (f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that all the students take apprenticeship training?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) Yes Sir. National Apprentices Training Scheme (NATS) is implemented through Boards of Apprenticeship/Practical Training located at Mumbai, Chennai, Kanpur & Kolkata, which are autonomous organizations under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.
- (b) The scheme fulfills the gaps in the practical training of fresh graduate engineers, diploma holders in engineering and also of the non-engineering degree students so as to make them industry/establishment ready. It further aims to improve their quality of industry/commercial exposure and develop the technical human resource for the industries and establishments.

The objectives of the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) are:

- (i) to promote skill development and to bridge the gaps in providing the skill to the students who do not acquire during their study in colleges and thus to make them more employable; and
- (ii) to facilitate the employers to train disciplined and skilled manpower to meet the required human resources in the emerging areas.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) & (e) As per third party evaluation of the scheme by National Institute of Labour Economics Research & Development (NILERD) conducted in 2019, an autonomous organization under NITI Aayog, the post apprenticeship employment percentage under NATS is around 80% of total engagement. The employability percentage and details of students enrolled under NAT scheme is detailed below:

Year	Students enrolled	Employment data collected	% data collected	% employment out of data collected	Remarks
2017-18	1,30,260	*	*	67%	
2018-19	1,29,459	*	*	79%	
2019-20	1,08,843	74,970	68.9%	77%	Data collected from NATS Portal.
2020-21	1,00,807	46,798	46.4%	95%	

Note- * Assessed by National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD) an autonomous body of NITI Aayog

(f) The scope of NATS has also been expanded to include students from Humanities, Science and Commerce besides students from engineering stream. The scheme envisages training of about 8.57 lakhs students during next five i.e. from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026 for which the outlay of the scheme has also been enhanced to Rs.3,054 crores.
