

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 10
ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024

SKILL GAP TASK FORCE

10. Ms. S Jothimani:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government had partnered with the World Economic Forum and Infosys to constitute a Task Force for Closing the Skills Gap in 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the milestones achieved by the task force during the last five years and the current year;

(c) whether it is a fact that the National Policy on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015 declared that 25% of the country's schools would integrate skilling with formal education by 2020 as an objective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of schools that have integrated skilling with formal education in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. A Task Force for Closing the Skills Gap in India was launched in collaboration with Infosys and the World Economic Forum. The goal of the Task Force was to develop an action plan to address skills gaps in India and make the Indian workforce ready for jobs of future.

After its launch, the Closing the Skills Gap Accelerator India convened the leadership group for multiple physical meetings including one at the India Economic Summit 2019, to finalize the national action plan and launching of 4 working groups. Accelerator members had the opportunity to choose and contribute to one or more of 4 Working Groups through innovative collaborative projects. The Accelerator ratified National Action Plan; however, the work was stalled further due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Post-pandemic, the discussions reinforced the need for models and initiatives that can accelerate dynamic job transitions, job creation and improving job quality.

(c) Yes Sir. As per the Policy framework of National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015, 25 per cent of the schools would integrate skilling with formal education from class 9 onwards, over the next 5 years, to make skill development aspirational. National Education Policy 2020 also recommended integration of vocational education into mainstream education in all educational institutions.

(d) A total of 29,342 schools have been approved for integrating skilling with formal education in the country, out of which it has been implemented in 18,003 schools with a reported enrolment of 24,55,215 students.
