

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2396
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024**

PM-DAKSH YOJANA

†2396. SMT. HIMADRI SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objective of the Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PMDAKSH) Yojana; and
- (b) the extent to which the National Action Plan for Skill Development has been prepared to meet the needs of the beneficiaries including SCs, OBCs, EWS, DNTs and sanitation workers including rag pickers and the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

(a) & (b) PM-DAKSH Scheme, a Central Sector Scheme, was launched with an objective to enhance competency level of the persons belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Other Backward Class (OBC), De-notified Tribe (DNT), Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Safai Karamcharis including Waste Pickers to make them employable both in wage-employment and self-employment through quality skill training.

The Scheme was approved with an outlay of Rs. 450 crore for a five year period starting from 2021-22 with a target to train 2,71,000 candidates out of which 1,55,208 candidates have been trained till 2023-24.
