

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
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COUNSELLING FOR GIRLS

3146. SHRI ADITYA YADAV:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any necessary steps to introduce career counselling for girls at an early age to guide them about careers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether girls have been enabled with skills that give them confidence to navigate and make informal decisions and provide young women with role models on careers to aid the process of exploration and discovery; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) implements the National Career Service Project (NCSP) to provide a variety of career related services in the country like job matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses etc. There is a network of career counsellors on the National Career Service (NCS) Portal for providing the quality counselling services to the job seekers/candidates registered on the portal. Further, career counselling and vocational guidance is also provided through Model Career Centres that have been established in various District Employment Exchanges and institutions under the National Career Service Project.

Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education is implementing the scheme of Samagra Shiksha, effective from 2018-19, for universalization of quality education throughout the country in coordination with the States and UTs. It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. Samagra Shiksha aims at integrating Vocational Education with general academic education in all

Secondary/Senior Secondary schools; enhancing the Employability and Entrepreneurial abilities of the students, providing exposure to work environment; and generating awareness amongst students about various career options so as to enable them to make a choice in accordance with their aptitude, competence and aspirations.

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) also have schemes for capacity building through training programmes in the areas of entrepreneurship development, management development, market development, skill development etc. They are provided through the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development programmes. During the last three years, around 3 lakh women were provided trainings through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) training centres, Tool Rooms, Technology/ Extension centres situated across the country. Further, the Central Government provides skill and vocational training to the women and girls under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY). The Government also implements the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) to provide digital literacy to rural populations. These schemes have helped women and girls gaining necessary skills required for jobs and entrepreneurship.

The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS) announced in the Budget 2024-25, aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in top 500 companies in five years. As an initiation to this Scheme, a Pilot Project of the Scheme targeted at providing 1.25 lakh internship opportunities has been launched on 03.10.2024 for the Financial Year 2024-25. The Scheme is implemented through an online portal accessible at <https://pminternship.mca.gov.in>. PM Internship Scheme provides an opportunity to the interns to get training, gain experience and skills within the real-life environment of the businesses or organizations that help in bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements, in turn, assisting enhancement of her/his employability. In addition, various States/ UTs are providing vocational training for women and girls. Under the umbrella scheme of "Mission Shakti", which is for safety, security and empowerment of women, the component of SANKALP: HEW under 'Samarthya' sub-scheme, serves as a vehicle to bridge the information and knowledge gap regarding schemes and facilities available for women and girls.
