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EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLING OPPORTUNITIES TO THE YOUTH

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures implemented by the Government to provide employment and skilling opportunities to the youth in Maharashtra, particularly in rural and underdeveloped regions;**
- (b) whether the Government shares details of the key achievements in creating employment and skilling initiatives in Maharashtra during the last three years;**
- (c) the manner in which the Government ensures that the youth from diverse socio-economic backgrounds in Maharashtra, including those from marginalized communities, benefit from these employment and skilling programmes; and**
- (d) whether the Maharashtra-specific programmes under the initiatives of the Government aimed at addressing the unique industrial and agricultural needs of the State to boost youth employment?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)**

(a) & (b): With a view to provide employment and skilling opportunities to rural people in the country including Maharashtra, Ministry of Rural Development is implementing schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), DeenDayalUpadhyayaGrameenKaushalyaYojana (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs). MGNREGS is a demand driven wage employment programme with the objective to enhance the livelihoods of MGNREGA workers. Under the Scheme, the details of persondays generated in the State of Maharashtra, during the last three financial years from 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, 711.17 lakh, 709.59 lakh and 968.96 lakh persondays respectively have been generated. DDU-GKY and RSETIs are two skilling programme under this Ministry. The details

of candidates trained and placed/ settled under DDU-GKY & RSETI in Maharashtra during the last 3 years are as under:

Scheme	DDU-GKY		RSETI	
Financial Year	Trained	Placed	Trained	Settled
2021-22	348	1612	19606	15251
2022-23	6403	3534	27322	21474
2023-24	5916	3617	30397	22961

In addition to this, this Ministry has also developed a formal mechanism for the skill development of rural masons, i.e. ‘Rural Mason Training’ programme under Pradhan MantriAwaasYojana-Gramin. Under the programme, so far nearly 3 lakh masons have been trained and nearly 37,000 being from the State of Maharashtra.

Under the Government of India’s Skill India Mission (SIM) , the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres / institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan MantriKaushalVikasYojana (PMKVY), Jan SikhshanSansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country including State of Maharashtra. Details of the Training Data under Schemes of MSDE for State of Maharashtra during the last 3 years:

Scheme	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
PMKVY	39864	14913	35257
JSS	38479	52934	37273
NAPS	146865	185999	263245
CTS in ITIs	112997	121884	128333

(c): All the schemes/programmes emphasize that youth from diverse socio-economic backgrounds of the country, including Maharashtra get the benefit of the schemes/programmes. MGNREGA is a demand driven programme and ensures providing

works to all persons as per demand irrespective of their social status. DDU-GKY guidelines provide for earmarking 50% of the funds for SCs and STs. Under DDU-GKY, coverage of 15% of minorities, 5% of People with Disabilities (PwDs) & 33% of women is mandatory. The training under the skill development programmes under MSDE through schemes mentioned above is provided to all the sections of the society including women and other marginalized groups. To encourage participation of women and other marginalized groups in the Skill development Programmes, special provisions have been made in the Common Cost Norms (CCN), in terms of reimbursement of boarding & lodging and conveyance costs. Under CCN, specific provisions have also been made to encourage participation of candidates living in Special Areas, such as North Eastern States and Hilly States. Under PMKVY, training programs in sectors like Electronics, Retail, Healthcare, Beauty & Wellness, Handicrafts and Apparel are structured to attract higher participation. Further, there are 324 ITIs & 19 National Skill Training Institutes for women. Under the JSS scheme, focus is being given to women and other vulnerable sections by giving age relaxations and since July 2018, coverage of women beneficiaries under the scheme has been around 82% of the total beneficiaries.

(d): With a view to address the agricultural needs and boost youth employment of the country including Maharashtra, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms' popularly known as Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) is implemented across the country by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. The scheme promotes decentralized farmer-friendly Extension system in the country with an objective to support State Government's efforts to revitalize the extension system and making available the latest agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied areas to farmers, farm women and youth, through various interventions like Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, KisanMelas etc.

The Government is implementing Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) with the objective to impart short term skill training (7 days duration) to rural youths and farmers in agriculture and allied

sectors for upgradation of their knowledge and skills and promote wage/self employment in rural areas. The component aims at providing short duration skill based training programs to rural youth including women farmers on agri-based vocational areas for creating a pool of skilled manpower. Recently, the STRY programme has been subsumed under ATMA cafeteria.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has formulated a dedicated scheme “Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization” (SMAM) during the year 2014-15. For implementation of this scheme Four Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes are engaged in the country for imparting skill development training courses to different categories of beneficiaries like farmers, technicians, under graduate engineers, entrepreneurs on selection, operation, repair and maintenance, energy conservation and management of agricultural equipment.

Under Mission for Integrated development of Horticulture (MIDH), a centrally sponsored scheme for holistic growth of horticulture segment, run by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Horticulture is an approved component, which has provision for conduct of trainings to farmers including women and youth.

Similarly to address the industrial needs, specific programmes like Make in India, Start-Up India, Industrial Corridors, Ease of Doing Business, One-District-One Product, Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme etc., are implemented.
