

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2542**  
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**GOAL OF SKILLING 400 MILLION PEOPLE UNDER NSD PROGRAMME**

2542. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that according to some reports, 30 per cent of India's youth are neither employed nor in education or training;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of number of people employed under the Skill India Mission;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to reach its goal of skilling 400 million people under the National Skills Development (NSD) Programme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which the said goal is likely to be achieved?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): As per National Sample Survey (NSS) 79<sup>th</sup> Round (2022-2023), the percentage of persons of age 15-29 years reported to be not in education, employment or training (NEET) at the all-India level is 25.6 percent. This report also categorizes the persons who were identified as NEET by types of activities they did during last 7 days preceding the survey. This includes (i) seeking/available for work, (ii) engaged in voluntary work in other household/enterprise, (iii) engaged in social/political work voluntarily, (iv) attending domestic duties, (v) not able to work due to health condition, (vi) spending leisure time and (vii) others.

(c) to (f): In order to improve employability of youth of the country, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) under Skill India Mission (SIM), delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training to youth across the country through an extensive network of skill development centres/institutes under various schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). All the Skilling schemes of MSDE are purely demand-driven and joining such courses is a voluntary decision on the part of the potential trainee hence, targets are often not set. The total number of persons trained through schemes of MSDE is as under:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Schemes</b>	<b>No. of persons trained</b>
1	PMKVY (FY2015-16 to December, 2024)	160.33 lakh
2	JSS (FY 2018-19 to February, 2025)	29.53 lakh
3	NAPS (FY 2018-19 to February, 2025)	37.11 lakh
4	CTS (2018-19 to 2023-24)	79.57 lakh

As per the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the unemployment rate in usual status of age 15 years and above has come down from 6.1% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2023-24.

Aim of the skill development programmes is to equip the youth of the country with market relevant skills to get gainfully employed in wage or self employment. Amongst the schemes of MSDE, placements were tracked in the Short-Term Training (STT) component of PMKVY in the first three versions of the scheme (PMKVY 1.0, PMKVY 2.0 and PMKVY 3.0) implemented from FY 2015-16 to FY 2021-22. The number of candidates reported placed across the country in these three versions of PMKVY are 24,37,887. Under PMKVY4.0, the focus is on empowering trained candidates to choose their varied career path and they are suitably oriented for the same. Further, various IT tools like skill India digital hub (SIDH) also gives this opportunity.

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