

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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UNDER GRADUATION EMPLOYMENT GENERATION SCHEME

2557. SHRI VISHWESHWAR HEGDE KAGERI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any new plan to launch Under Graduation Employment Generation Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to offer any technology based courses to graduating students, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there has been any notable improvement in the employability of youth from 2014 and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Under the Govt 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 Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society, including youth, across the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability of the youth is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various employment generation schemes/ programmes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi Scheme), etc. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes being

implemented by the Government may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes. The Government has announced the Employment Linked Incentive Scheme, in the Union Budget 2024-25 for incentivizing job creation, promoting formalization in job market, and improving employability.

(c) Skill India Mission (SIM) focuses on future ready and industry ready skills for our youth of the country. Under PMKVY, synergy is being established between vocational and educational institutes by way of setting up of Skill India Centres (SICs) in Govt Schools, Colleges, Higher Education Institutes, and Universities with requisite infrastructure for providing short-term training. The government has integrated technology-driven curricula under PMKVY 4.0, focusing on emerging areas like artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, robotics, clean energy technology, industry automation, etc. Collaboration with institutions such as IITs and private tech companies ensures high-quality training in emerging technologies. Digital learning modules and blended training formats are being adopted to enhance accessibility.

Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has introduced 31 new-age or future skills courses in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs). Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) serves as a repository for digital content and online training modules. These initiatives aim to equip youths with the skills required for high-demand roles in the global technology landscape.

(d) As per the latest estimates of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS 2023-24), conducted by the National Sample Survey Office, the unemployment rate on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years has decreased from 17.8 percent in 2017-18 to 10.2 percent in 2023-24. The worker population ratio (WPR) on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years has increased from 31.4 percent in 2017-18 to 41.7 percent in 2023-24.
