

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2916  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2015**

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF WIDOWS**

**QUESTION**

**2916. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:**

**SHRI C.R. PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether there is any programme for the skill development of widows;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the budget allocated for the same during the current financial year?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
(SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)**

(a) to (c) There are a number of skill development schemes across various sectors being implemented by Central Ministries/Departments. The data on the widows covered under these skill development programmes is not maintained centrally. However, most of these schemes have special provisions to promote the participation in skill development programmes by all socio-economic groups, including women. 30% of all the seats for the courses in all Government and Private ITIs are reserved for women candidates which includes widows as well.

Further, there are 402 Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) exclusively for women. Furthermore, Government has set up ten Regional Vocational Training Institutes (RVTIs) and one National Vocational Training Institute (NVTI) (at Noida, Uttar Pradesh) in Central Sector for skill Development of Women including widows across the Country. Details of these RVTIs are given below:-

| <b>RVTIs</b>  |                |              |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>State</b>   | <b>Place</b> |
| 1             | Haryana        | Panipat      |
| 2             | Rajasthan      | Jaipur       |
| 3             | Meghalaya      | Tura         |
| 4             | West Bengal    | Kolkata      |
| 5             | Karnataka      | Bengaluru    |
| 6             | Kerala         | Trivandrum   |
| 7             | Madhya Pradesh | Indore       |
| 8             | Gujrat         | Vadodara     |
| 9             | Uttar Pradesh  | Allahabad    |
| 10            | Maharashtra    | Mumbai       |