GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 956 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2016

LACK OF SKILLED LABOUR

QUESTION

956. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

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

- (a) whether lack of skilled labour may challenge our targets; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Skill development is a priority area of the Government. The Government has taken several major policy interventions and initiatives for creating a vibrant skill ecosystem in the country and scaling skilling with speed, standards and sustainability. This includes:-
 - (i) The National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015 provides an umbrella framework to all skilling activities including skill development scheme/programme being carried out within the country.
 - (ii) National Skill Development Mission which seeks to converge, coordinate, implement and monitor skilling activities on a pan-India basis.
 - (iii) Common Norms for all skill development programmes across Central Ministries/Departments.
 - (iv) National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) to organize qualifications according to series of level of knowledge, skills and aptitude.
 - (v) Strategic partnerships have also been undertaken between MSDE and other Ministries/Departments in the Central Government, to collaborate on scaling up skill training activities in specific sectors and leveraging existing infrastructure.
 - (vi) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the flagship programme for skill development in the country. So far more than 12.50 lakh youth have been trained/enrolled under the scheme in the current year.
 - (vii) MSDE has also signed MoUs with Germany, UK, China and Australia, to scale up apprenticeships support, training of trainees, curriculum development, ensure benchmarking of standards and create Centres of Excellence in skill training across the country.
