

Skilled workers by 2022

1275. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total plan out lay in Eleventh and Twelfth Plan to fulfill the target of creating 500 million skilled workers by 2022; and

(b) whether the target is achievable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) A 'Coordinated Action on Skill Development' was approved by the Union Cabinet on 15th May, 2008. The Coordinated Action on Skill Development is one of the major initiatives for achieving Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) objective of inclusive growth and development through coordinating and harmonizing the skill development initiatives of different players. A three tier institutional structure consisting of (i) the Prime Minister's National Council, (ii) National Skill Development Coordination Board and (iii) National Skill Development Corporation, has been set up to achieve the targets of skilled manpower. A National Policy on Skill Development has also been formulated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment which was approved by the Union Cabinet in February, 2009.

The approved outlay for the Eleventh Five Year Plan for the Directorate of Employment and Training Ministry of Labour and Employment was Rs. 798.63 crore. However, during 2007-08 on the announcement made by Hon'ble Finance Minister, three more schemes *viz.*, Skill development Initiative, Upgradation of 1396 ITIs through Public Private Partnership (PPP) and externally aided Project for Reforms and Improvement in training Services were approved taking the total outlay to Rs. 8509.49 crore. The outlays for the Twelfth Five Year Plan have not yet been finalized.

In addition, other central Ministries have been assigned targets to achieve the targets of meeting 500 million skilled workers through their on going plan schemes.

Radiation from mobile towers

1276. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CSIR is studying radiation from mobile towers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken and implemented so far in this regard, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.