

National Skill Development Commission

2134. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state.

- (a) whether Government has formulated the 'Skill Development Policy';
- (b) if so, the role of the National Skill Development Commission which is getting Budgetary allocation for skill development; and
- (c) whether an offer of the German Government to have partnership in the skill development is accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) National Skill Development Policy was formulated in 2009. The policy is to be reviewed after 5 years and is currently under review by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

(b) There is no National Skill Development Commission. However there is National Skill Development Corporation set up to promote skill development by catalyzing creation of vocational institutions.

(c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E) and Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) on 31st May, 2011 for cooperation on Vocational Education and Training. A Joint Working Group (JWG) on Vocational Education and Training was constituted to act as a platform for dialogue and exchange of information to facilitate cooperation, foster partnerships and review progress in the field of VET. So far seven meetings of JWG were held and following progress has been made under the MoU.

- (i) A roadmap has been prepared and agreed to by both the parties indicating various activities.
- (ii) 20 Master Trainers from Field Institutes of Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGE&T), 10 each in Automobile and Metal Cutting attend six weeks Master Trainers' Program from 12th November, till 21st December, 2012. Prior to this this, these Master Trainers were trained for two weeks at Apex Hi-tech, Bangalore by trainers from Germany in pedagogy.
- (iii) Work on development of competency based curriculum is being under taken by Central Staff Training and Research Institute (CSTARI), Kolkata with the help of German experts in trades Fitter, Welder and Electrician.