and to promote a culture of innovation based entrepreneurship which can generate wealth and employment so as to ensure sustainable livelihood for all citizens in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) The duration of training courses/programmes for skill development depends on the skill being imparted. The number of hours under different skill development programmes varies from less than 80 hours or more than 675 hours. Based on the National Skill Qualification Framework notified on 27th December, 2013, Common Norms for Skill Development Schemes have been implemented as per which all the skill development courses will have a minimum duration of 200 hours for fresh entrants and a minimum duration of 80 hours for re-skilling or up-skilling of persons engaged in occupation.

(c) Yes, Sir. Government has notified the National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on 15.07.2015, to provide a holistic and comprehensive roadmap for both job seekers as well as job creators by inclusion of specific sections on promotion of entrepreneurship. The Policy aims to bridge the skill gap by focusing on the key sectors that have the highest incremental human resource requirement viz. construction, retail and logistics. Strengthening Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), increasing industry linkages and creation of a national Labour Market Information System (LMIS) are efforts towards bridging the demand supply mismatch. A Quality Assurance framework embedded in National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) is envisaged to improve the consistency of outcomes linked to skill training and certification. Above along with strengthening of industry participation through SSCs and Institute Management Committees (IMCs) of Industrial Training Institutes (IITs), will ensure quality skill manpower as required by industry.

Demographic challenges against skill development

2020. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment regarding heterogeneity of demographic challenges and opportunities across different States before addressing the issue of Skill Development, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor, and
- (b) whether Government will come forward to constitute Sub-Group of Chief Ministers to address this issue in future, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) The National Skill

Development Corporation, a public private entity of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, has conducted district-wise human resource and skill requirement analysis across the country. The report covers the demographic profile of districts including challenges and aspirations of the youth. The report analyses demographic heterogeneity on parameters viz. population density, gender ratio, literacy rate, livelihood options. Studies have highlighted aspirations of the youth across the country.

A Sub-Group of Chief Ministers on Skill Development have been constituted by National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog to suggest measures for strengthening State Skill Development Missions to enhance capacity and improve standards of skilling at the State level.

Skill Development University in Bihar

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal for establishment of Skill Development University in Bihar, if so, by when, it would be established;
- whether any negotiation have been held with Bihar Government in this regard;
- whether adequate resources are available for providing skill development training to thirty crore youths in five years and the expenditure to be incurred on this; and
- whether it is proposed to seek collaboration from the private sector also for (d) skill development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) A committee has been constituted to work out the modalities for setting up of a Skill University in Bihar along with suggesting the initiatives to scale up and synergize the efforts towards skill development of the youth in the region.

(c) and (d) There are 12,106 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) (Government-

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