

can be leveraged to help those aspiring to upgrade their skills in tool room and shop floor practices.

MoU With NTPC for Skill Development in Jharkhand

2820. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that National Thermal Corporation has entered into an MoU with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) and National Skill Development Corporation for various skill development programmes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any skill development programmes are being taken up in the State of Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Thermal Power Corporation has signed two Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for skill development training. The first MoU was signed on 8th May, 2015 to provide skill training to 5000 youth and women across 22 locations with special focus on the eastern states/ part of the country where NTPC power plants are located. The MoU is for two years with a project cost of ₹ 6.5 crore. The second MoU was signed on 26th June, 2015 to train 25000 candidates in services and manufacturing sectors across under-served locations in Bihar over 5 years with a project cost of ₹ 30 crore. The projects will be funded by NTPC and executed by NSDC through its Training Partners.

Further, there are over 70 skill development schemes across various sectors implemented by over 20 Central Ministries/Departments for various skill development/ entrepreneurship programmes for both the organised and unorganised sectors. The coverage of these schemes is in all sectors across all the states including Jharkhand.

Assistance to States for Skill Development of Youth

2821. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) how Government is helping States to create a better infrastructure to help youth gain meaningful training in skill development;