

Skills in agriculture and allied occupations

427. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals received in the year 2014-15 along with requirement of funds and number of persons to be imparted skills in the proposals;
- (b) the number of proposals to impart skills in agriculture and allied occupations and number of beneficiaries involved;
- (c) whether significant number of tribal beneficiaries are involved in the proposals for the year 2014-15; and
- (d) the number of proposals cleared by the Ministry and status of implementation on the ground?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAPRUDY) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Financial help for entrepreneurs

428. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA : Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship seeks to connect entrepreneurs to established industrial leaders for guidance and mentorship, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the policy seeks to provide few or partial financial help for start up and entrepreneurs, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAPRUDY) : (a) Yes, Sir. The National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015 approved by the Government on 1st July, 2015, seeks to connect entrepreneurs to peers, mentors and incubators. The policy provides for creation of a national network of high quality, screened mentors, leveraging existing network and successful local entrepreneurs, where ever possible.

- (b) The Policy has the objective to promote access to finance through appropriate support to venture capital companies, Angel investors and State owned credit agencies.