

Under the State Science and Technology Programme (SSTP), 36 State Councils for S&T in all the States including those in 7 Union Territories (UT's) have been established. These councils address the State level S&T issues and challenges through S&T interventions. The objective of the programme is to build capacity and capability in finding technological solutions through application and demonstration.

Under the National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE), support has been extended for strengthening of State Climate Change Centers/Cells in seven States of Indian Himalayan Region *i.e.* J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Meghalaya for State level climate change actions.

Similarly, under the National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change (NMSKCC), support has been extended for the establishment/strengthening of State climate change knowledge centres/cells in the State of Madhya Pradesh and Punjab.

Under these mission programmes, the remaining States and Union Territories will be targeted in due course of time for creation of climate change centres/cells.

The Ministry of Science and Technology also supports Research and Development (R&D) proposals from research institutions and laboratories situated in various States in the country. The proposals are evaluated through a scientific committee mechanism and if found suitable, are supported to such institutions. Proposals received from the State S&T Councils are also supported after its scientific evaluation.

Skill development through universities and colleges

*56. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has failed to meet its skill development targets in 2014-15, as the higher education department achieved just 24.67 per cent of the skill training target and in 2013-14, it had a meagre success rate of 17 per cent as per official data, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government decided to rope in universities across the country to help implement Government's skill development mission, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked over 700 universities and 35,000 colleges to join the mission, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) No, Sir. The higher education institutions have provided skill training in 2013-14 and 2014-15 as below:

Year	Target	Achievement	Percentage
2013-14	5,86,190	3,31,815	57%
2014-15	5,09,040	3,69,155	73%

The scheme-wise details are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Apart from the above initiatives, it is proposed to use all engineering institutions in the country to train unemployed youth in engineering skills after the college hours. A scheme in this regard is proposed to be implemented from 2016-17.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	2013-14		2014-15	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1.	Scheme of Community College under Pilot Project	40,000	12,300	18,900	16,823
2.	Career oriented courses (COC) in Universities and colleges under UGC	23,790	-	19,740	-
3.	Colleges and Universities under NVEQF through UGC (B. Voc)	-	-	12,700	6,173
4.	Employability Enhancement Training Programme (EETP)	17,400	15,000	20,900	22,578
5.	National Employability Enhancement Mission (NEEM)	-	2,000	15,000	2,756
6.	AICTE approved Public/Private Institutes under NVEQF	1,73,000	1,000	85,000	-
7.	Skill Development Centres to institutionalize NVEQF	10,500	-	-	-
8.	Community Development through Polytechnics (CDTP)	2,20,000	2,00,015	2,15,000	1,99,025
9.	Apprenticeship Programme	1,01,500	1,01,500	1,21,800	1,21,800
GRAND TOTAL		5,86,190	3,31,815	5,09,040	3,69,155
PERCENTAGE			57%		73%