THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), which is being implemented across the country including Kerala. Under PMKVY, funds are not released to State Governments rather a monetary reward is directly credited to bank account of trainees on their successful assessment and certification. As on 30th November, 2015, 3,579 persons have been enrolled and 2,602 persons have successfully completed training under PMKVY in Kerala.

The training partners under National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) have 143 training centres (78 fixed and 65 mobile training centres) in the State of Kerala providing skill training in various sectors.

Deen Dayal Upadhyay Rural Skill Development Scheme for Bihar

†2191. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has chalked out the outlines of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Rural Skill Development Scheme to remove the unemployment prevalent among youth in rural areas, if so, the highlights of this scheme;
- (b) how the unemployed youth of the rural areas would be trained for employment under this scheme; and
- (c) the number of villages and the names of district of Bihar in which, skill training centres have been established under this scheme.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) The Scheme of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushal Yojana (DDU-GKY) is being implemented by Ministry of Rural Development. The Government (Ministry of Rural Development) is undertaking a placement linked skill development program called Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) for rural poor youth. Important features of DDU-GKY, *inter alia*, are as follows:

- Market-led, placement-linked training programme for rural youth.
- Mandatory assured placement to 75% of the trained candidates.
- Focus on rural youth from poor families in the age group of 15 to 35 years.
- Social inclusion of candidates through mandatory coverage of socially disadvantaged groups.

 $[\]ensuremath{^{\dagger}}$ Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- Minimum Salary of ₹ 6000 per month or minimum wages specified by a State Government, which ever is higher (after a three month training course).
- Post-placement support to candidates.

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- Career progression support, job-retention support and foreign placement support for quality outcomes in placements.
- In allocation of skill projects, primacy given to Training Partners who can train and support overseas placement and captive placements.
- (b) DDU-GKY is undertaken as PPP Project through Private and Public organizations registered with Ministry of Rural Development. DDU-GKY is a demand driven program. At present, an organization that is a registered legal entity in India can partner with DDU-GKY as a Project Implementing Agency (PIA).
- (c) As DDU-GKY aims skilling for rural poor youth to be aspirational and provide training benchmarked to global norms, as far as possible; the implementation strategy therefore enables the youth to access best of training and related facilities in locations where they are most suitably available and does not therefore make it necessary for the centres to be taken to the candidate, but rather the candidates are taken to training centers to ensure quality and better assimilation into mainstream labour markets. Total 51 training centers are active in Bihar. At present, candidates from 24 districts in Bihar, (1568 villages) are covered for skilling under DDU-GKY projects in these training centers. Names of the districts are given in the Statement.

Statement Names of 24 districts in Bihar covered under DDU-KGY projects

1.	Araria	9.	Katihar	17.	Patna
2.	Arwal	10.	Khagaria	18.	Purnia
3.	Aurangabad	11.	Madhepura	19.	Rohtas
4.	Begusarai	12.	Madhubani	20.	Samastipur
5.	Bhagalpur	13.	Munger	21.	Sitamarhi
6.	Bhojpur	14.	Muzaffarpur	22.	Siwan
7.	Buxar	15.	Nalanda	23.	Supaul
8.	Darbhanga	16.	Paschim Champaran	24.	Vaishali