

and at CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram in the area of environmental interventions have been established. These CRTDHs facilitate productivity and competitiveness of small and medium scale industries by providing scientific and technological support, infrastructure, sophisticated analytical as well as advanced research equipment facility.

Skill development course at higher secondary level

1387. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any policy to increase the skill development at the plus two course at higher secondary level and meet the various industrial sector and service sector to bring urban and rural poor within the "Employability Zone"; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing the scheme for vocationalisation of secondary and higher secondary education under the umbrella of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) from Class IX onwards across the country. The scheme aims to integrate vocational education with general academic education to prepare educated, employable and competitive human resource for various sectors of the economy and the global market. It envisages close partnership with the industry in the design, development, delivery, assessment and certification of skills content. Till 2015-16, 3654 schools across 31 States/Union Territories of the country have been approved under the scheme across various sectors including Agriculture, Apparel, Automobile, Beauty and Wellness, Banking/Financial Services and Insurance, Construction, Health Care, IT and ITeS, Logistics, Media and Entertainment, Physical Education and Sports, Retail, Security, Telecom, Travel and tourism.

Further, Government of India through All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has sanctioned the 'Community College Scheme' to set up 200 pilot Community Colleges in existing Colleges/Polytechnics with effect from the academic session 2013. These Colleges offer credit based courses which allow multi-point entry and exit for skill up-gradation or in employment market and allow re-entry into higher education.

Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Maharashtra

1388. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of persons who have been enrolled and the details of persons who have completed their training; and

(c) how many, out of the total who completed their training, have been provided with employment or loans under the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) The details of training under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in Maharashtra as on 30.4.2016 are given below:-

Training	Fresh Training	Recognition of Prior Learning
Enrolled	84454	24787
Training Completed	82518	23601
Certified	28716	1861

4485 trainees in Maharashtra have got placement under PMKVY. PMKVY does not provide for loan facility.

Target for skilled youth

1389. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given targets to different Ministries to achieve the 500 million skilled youth by 2022;

(b) if so, the details of targets given to each Ministry, Ministry-wise;

(c) what review mechanism the Ministry has in place to ensure that targets fixed are achieved;

(d) how the Ministry is coordinating with States and UTs and encouraging them to produce as many skilled manpower as possible; and

(e) the steps taken to involve industry to produce skilled manpower as per their requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (e) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has entrusted the National Skill Development Corporation India (NSDC), a Public Private Partnership Company with the primary mandate of catalysing the skills landscape in India. NSDC has a mandate to train 150 million persons by the year 2022, mainly by fostering private sector initiatives in skill development programmes and to provide funding. Its mandate is also to enable