

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has been set up as a Public Private Partnership entity to promote private training providers to set up skill development centres across the Country. The skill development centres run by these private training providers provide the training programme in various sectors like Agriculture, Automobile, Building and Construction, Capital Goods, Gems and Jewellery, IT & ITES, etc.

Besides, to enable and mobilize a large number of youth to take up outcome based skill training and earn their livelihood, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) has been launched by the Government on 15th July, 2015 which has the target to benefit 24 lakh persons across the Country with training of 14 lakh fresh entrants and certification of 10 lakh persons under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) within one year. It is a skill certification and reward scheme wherein trainees after their successful assessment and certification, get monetary reward through direct bank transfer to their account. NSDC is the implementing agency for PMKVY. As on 26th April, 2016, 19.71 lakh candidates have been enrolled for vocational training and 19.38 lakh candidates completed training under different sectors across the Country.

In addition, there are 13,105 Industrial Training Institutes (Government 2293 and Private 10812) are affiliated to National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) in the Country. Duration of trades in ITIs varies from 6 months to 2 years. As per information available on National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) web portal, 9,37,809 new trainees in year 2014 and 10,73,265 new trainees in the year 2015 got admission for skill training.

Synergy between skills and careers

576. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Union Government's top leadership met corporate heads and big business CEOs to lay the strategy on how to build the perfect synergy between skills and careers, if so, what is the outcome?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): A "National Industry Conclave on Skills" was organized by the Government on 12th January, 2016 at Mumbai with the objective to secure greater industry participation in skill development. The conclave brought together industry leaders and professionals and Government onto one platform to deliberate on important issues related to skill development in India. The challenges and opportunities of skill development in India were discussed elaborately in the conclave. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for skill

development, adoption of ITIs by industry, corporate skill excellence centres in PPP mode, training of trainers, central mechanism of skill certification, etc. were some of the issues discussed and broad consensus was reached with a positive response from Industry.

National Board for Skill Development Certification

577. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up the National Board for Skill Development Certification on the lines of a similar board for education to set standards, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the proposed National Board will decide the curriculum, the mode of examination and certification at different levels of training to bring about uniformity across the Board, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Government has announced establishment of a National Board for Skills Assessment and Certification in the Budget Speech 2016-17. The Board will be an autonomous professional body responsible for conducting examinations, assessments and awarding national level certificates in compliance with National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) for skill development courses in the country.

Aajeevika skills for girls in Puducherry

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

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single girl was given training under Aajeevika Skills in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 in Puducherry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the percentage of skilled girls in Puducherry out of the total population and how the Ministry is trying to provide them employment opportunities; and

(d) the details of physical and financial targets set and achieved in three years preceding 2013-14?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (d) Deen Dayal