

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