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 (MSDE) on 15th July, 2015 has notified the Common Norms for all Skill Development Schemes being implemented by various Ministries/Departments. These norms provide for harmonizing of training cost, process, assessment, third party certification and outcome of Training. Also, the Common Norms provide for incentives in the form of reimbursement of conveyance costs to Special Groups which includes women candidates.

The Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has taken a number of steps for providing training of women under various skill training programmes as well as instructor training programmes. A network of institutes have been set up for extending skill training facilities to women, which aim at stimulating employment opportunities among women of various socioeconomic levels and different age groups. The institutional network includes 16 Central Institutes, namely, National Vocational Training Institute for Women at Noida and 15 Regional Vocational Training Institutes (RVTIs) for Women. Three more RVTIs are being operationalized. These institutes are providing training facilities exclusively for women in skills have high wage employment and self-employment potential besides Instructors Training and Training of Trainers' programmes.

## Shortage of skilled workers in Maharashtra

1294. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of skilled workers and employees in the country specifically in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof, and
- (b) whether Government has any plan to meet the shortage at the earliest and how they are going to cover backlog, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) As per National Policy on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015, 402.9 million candidates are to be trained by the end of 2022. This comprises fresh training of 104.60 million persons entering the labour market and reskilling/upskilling of 298.30 million of existing workforce. There are over 40 skill development schemes across various sectors implemented by various Central Ministries/Departments to promote skilling of all people including youth in the country. During 2014-15, 76.11 lakh persons have been trained as against 45.69 lakh in 2011-12 in different schemes implemented by various Central Ministries/Departments. Ministry of Skill Development

and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) which is a flagship skill development scheme. As on 15th July, 2016, 19.72 lakh persons including 109099 in Maharashtra have been trained in different sectors across the country under PMKVY.

## Achievements of PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana

1295. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana will be implemented only for one year;
- (b) if so, what are the reasons for implementation of the scheme only for one year;
- (c) what were the targets and achievements in the last one year of its implementation; and
- (d) whether there are any plans to extend this scheme further, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (d) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2015-16, the flagship outcome-based skill training scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), had the objective to train 24 lakhs spread across fresh Training (14 lakhs) and Recognition of Prior Learning (10 lakhs). Under this scheme, implemented by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), a public-private partnership entity under MSDE, a total of 17.94 lakhs candidates have been enrolled, 17.93 lakhs have been trained, 11.84 lakhs have been certified and 1.46 lakhs have been given placements (as on 18th July, 2016).

The Union Cabinet in its meeting on 13th July, 2016, has approved the modification and continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) as 'Skill Development Component' of umbrella PMKVY to skill one crore people over the four years (2016-2020) with an outlay of ₹ 12,000 crore.

## Steps taken to curb manual scavenging

1296. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state: