

Centre. Like-wise, the National Skill Development Mission (NSDM) is expected to provide a strong institutional framework both at the Centre and States for implementation of skilling activities in the Country. Accordingly, the states policies are expected to be in congruence to the National Policy.

Opening of PMKKs

893. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to open a number of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such PMKKs set up so far; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to open PMKKs in each district of the country with modern infrastructure at the earliest, in order to facilitate skill training to the aspirants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is implementing Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra(s) (PMKKs) scheme on pan-India basis for skill development of prospective youths. Under PMKK, NSDC aims to promote through their Training Partners Model Skill Centre in every district for imparting skill training to aspirational youths through PMKVY. The scheme envisage to create benchmark institutions, focus on elements of quality, sustainability and connect with stakeholders and to transform skills delivery mandate to a sustainable institutional model. As of January 2017, 458 PMKKs have been allocated across 441 districts and 70 of these have become operational.

Allocation for National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme

894. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has launched a new National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, aimed at supporting basic training to the employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and