

**Skill Development Centres in Puducherry**

1710. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to establish more Skill Development Centres in Puducherry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any request from the Union Territory Administration has been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) Ministry is implementing two flagship schemes known as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) on PAN-India basis to cover the prospective youths. PMKVY enables large number of prospective youths for taking short term fresh training and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through accredited and affiliated training partner/Training Centers. Under PMKK, Government intends to establish a Model Skill Centre in every district for imparting skill training to aspirational youths through PMKVY which includes districts of Union Territory of Puducherry.

Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2015-16, 7,301 candidates have been trained at 49 Training Centres in the Union Territory of Puducherry in short term fresh training and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). PMKVY 2016-20, launched on 2nd October, 2016, aims to train 10 million youth for the period of 2016-20 with a total outlay of ₹ 12,000 crores. Under PMKVY 2016-20, as on 9th March 2017, 623 candidates have been enrolled in 15 Training Centres in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

Further, under PMKVY 2016-20, there is a State-Engagement component which provides flexibility to State skill missions to identify additional job roles as per the local need. The total target for Union Territory of Puducherry is 31,080 for Short Term Training including 10,619 (*i.e.* 14,903 per year) under the State Engagement component and additional 2,098 for RPL. The proposal from Union Territory of Puducherry has been received and approved by Project Approval Committee under State-Engagement component of PMKVY (2016-20).