

Special skill courses in Jammu and Kashmir

1711. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of short term courses running with the help of local administration in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of unemployed youth are sitting idle due to lack of specialized skills in that State; and

(c) if so, the details of courses prescribed by the Ministry to provide specialized skills in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) At present, there are about 40 skill development schemes/programmes being implemented by Central Ministries/Departments. A number of these schemes are being implemented on PAN-India basis including Jammu and Kashmir. The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) is being implemented across the country including Jammu and Kashmir. Under PMKVY training is being provided in 57 job roles. Till February 2017, 19,225 youths have been imparted skill training in short term courses and 429 youths under Recognition Prior Learning (RPL) in Jammu and Kashmir under PMKVY. In addition, the training partners of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) are running training centres in Jammu and Kashmir imparting training across a wide range of sectors including Organized Retail IT and ITES, Tourism and Hospitality Services, Telecom, Building Construction and Real Estate Services. During, 2016-17 (till February, 2017), 5359 persons have been enrolled by NSDC's training partners for training in Jammu and Kashmir under fee based model.

In addition, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is implementing the Udaan scheme, specifically targeting to train and provide employment to youths of Jammu and Kashmir. Under the scheme, training is being imparted to Jammu and Kashmir youth outside Jammu and Kashmir to give them corporate exposure. Till 01.02.2017, 19,476 youths have been trained and 10,138 youths have been placed under Udaan.

MSDE is also setting up Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) in each district of country which will be State of the art Model Training Centres (MTCs) and add to the annual training capacity of around 4.5 lakh persons. So far, eight districts of Jammu and Kashmir have been selected for setting up of PMKK.