

The Fund meets its objectives through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) which is an industry led 'Not For Profit Company' set up for building skill development capacity and forging strong linkages with the market. NSDC acts as a catalyst in skill development by providing funding to enterprises, companies and organizations that provide skill training. It also develops appropriate models to enhance, support and coordinate private sector initiatives.

Partnership with Ministries for skill training activities

2501. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has entered into strategic partnership with some Ministries/Departments to collaborate on scaling up skill training activities in certain sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the sectors identified for the purpose; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to set up state-of-the-art model training centres in each district of the country in order to increase the annual training capacity?

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) has entered into strategic partnerships with a number of Ministries/Departments including Ministry of Railways Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Defence etc. to collaborate on scaling up skill training activities in specific sectors and leveraging existing infrastructure. The details of MoUs signed with Central Ministries/Departments alongwith key elements of cooperation are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) The Ministry is setting up Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) which will be state of the art Model Training Centres (MTCs) to cover all districts in the country. PMKK will add to the annual training capacity of around 4.5 lakh persons. As on 03 March 2017, 460 PMKK have been allocated covering 440 districts across 340 parliamentary constituencies.

Statement

*Details of MoUs signed with Central Ministries/Departments
alongwith key elements of Cooperation*

Central Ministries/Departments signing MoUs with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship for Skill Development

- (i) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
 - (ii) Ministry of Defence
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- (iii) Ministry of Railways
 - (iv) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 - (v) Department of Fertilisers
 - (vi) Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals
 - (vii) Department of Pharmaceuticals
 - (viii) Ministry of Steel
 - (ix) Ministry of Mines
 - (x) Ministry of Power
 - (xi) Coal India (Ministry of Coal)
 - (xii) National Thermal Power Corporation, Power Grid (Ministry of Power)

Overall Key Elements of MoUs

- (i) Leverage existing Government infrastructure to deliver skill training programmes.
 - (ii) Mobilize CSR funds of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to support skilling.
 - (iii) Upgrade equipment of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and NSDC/SSC affiliated training providers.
 - (iv) Promote and scale up apprenticeship training in PSUs in coordination with Directorate General of Training (DGT).
 - (v) Incentivize hiring of National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) certified personnel.
 - (vi) Promote adoption of ITIs by PSUs, including provision of technical and resource support.
 - (vii) Introduce vocational courses in schools run by Ministries/PSUs.
 - (viii) Establish 'Centres of Excellence' for high quality skill training.
 - (ix) Align training programmes to NSQF and mobilize workforce for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
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Revamping skill development strategies

2502. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters to empower National Skill Development Corporation, Sector Skill Councils, State Skill Development Missions, etc. so as to promote skill development;