

(a) whether the India-Germany Skill Development venture signed in August, 2016 is on track to achieve its targets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) 'Implementation Agreement' concerning the project "Indo - German Programme for Vocational Education and Training" was signed on 22nd August, 2016. The project is on track to achieve its targets. In all the three clusters (Automotive Component Cluster in Aurangabad, Electronics cluster in Bengaluru and Energy Efficient Construction Cluster in Bhiwadi), cooperation has been facilitated between the Directorate General of Training (DGT), State Government Departments of Training and Entrepreneurship, the Industry Associations, the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and the training providers to promote cooperative vocational education and training.

The Industries Associations with outreach to large number of SMEs in the three clusters have been approached for participating in the skill training initiatives. Some of the SMEs have shown interest in participating in the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Dual Training Schemes; as well as support training through offering industry exposure to both trainers and trainees.

Skill development of tribal/forest dwellers

2197. SHRI A. V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide education for upliftment of a large section of uneducated persons particularly tribals/forest dwellers under the skill development scheme;

(b) if so, the details of work carried out, syllabus-wise, programme-wise and State wise;

(c) the details of people who have been benefited under this scheme during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the details of expenditure incurred under this programme, State-wise and year wise; and

(e) whether any study has been conducted for assessing the impact of these skills on their indigenous skills that are consistent with their socio-cultural milieu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (d) There are about 20 Central Ministries/Departments including Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) involved in the implementation of more than 40 schemes for various skill development programmes including skill development of tribals/ forest dwellers.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing flagship scheme known as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) on pan-India basis. PMKVY enables large number of prospective youth, which also includes tribals/ forest dwellers, for taking short term fresh training and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through accredited and affiliated training partner/training centers. The schemes runs across 221 job roles related to 35 Sector Skill Councils, which is a diverse and exhaustive representation of the industry. Under PMKVY, as on 31st July, 2017, total 31,22,905 candidates, including tribals, are trained / undergoing training across country. Under PMKVY, RE 1250 crore and BE 1300 crore have been allocated in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, respectively.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs administers a Scheme of Vocational Training Centre (VTC) whereby free vocational training facilities are extended to tribal youth. 100% grants under the scheme are provided to States, Union Territories and other implementing agencies. The Scheme of Vocational Training Centre in Tribal Areas is demand driven. Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides grants based upon proposals received in the Ministry from State Governments as per scheme guidelines. Further, assistance is also provided to the State Governments under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (SCA to TSP) and grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution for skill development programmes and income generating projects.

(e) Ministry has not instituted any study in this regard.

GST and yoga teaching modules

2198. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has trained and imparted skill development to 28 lakh youth across the country;