

(b) whether it is a fact that initially the Ministry had 12,000 skill centres in Phase-I and then reduced the number to 1,400, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 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 youth. PMKVY enables large number of prospective youths for taking Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through accredited and affiliated training partner/training centers.

About 13,000 Training Centres were involved under PMKVY 2015-16 for imparting skill training. Under modified PMKVY (2016-20), as on 17th July 2017, targets have been allocated to 3365 Training Centers throughout the country.

Under PMKK, Government is establishing model aspirational skill centres in every district for imparting skill training through PMKKs. As on 16th July 2017, 556 PMKKs have been allocated in 514 districts across the country.

#### **Skill development centres in Bihar**

†2830. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skill development centres opened in Bihar, district and block-wise;

(b) the trades in which skill development training is being provided by these centres;

(c) whether Government has carried out any study to find out the effectiveness of skill development being provided through NGOs and to what extent it has reached to the ground level; and

(d) if so, whether it has also come to the notice that training provided by NGOs has remained just on papers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Ministry is implementing two flagship skill India schemes known as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) in the country covering the state of Bihar. Under the PMKVY 2015-16, about 13,000 Training

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Centres were involved for imparting skill training. Out of them 485 were in State of Bihar. Under modified PMKVY (2016-20), as on 31st July 2017, 5007 Training Centers (STT and RPL) have been involved in skill training throughout the country. Out of which, 244 are in the State of Bihar covering all the districts.

Ministry through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is also implementing Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) scheme for setting up Model Skill Centre in every district of the country. Under the scheme, as on 16th July 2017, 556 PMKKs have been allocated to 514 districts throughout the country. Out of which, 32 are in State of Bihar.

(c) and (d) Ministry has not yet carried out any study on skill development training imparted by NGOs. However, Ministry has laid out National Policy on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015 with the objective to meet the challenges of skilling at scale with speed and standards. This policy links skill development to improve employability and productivity. With keeping abreast of National Policy on Skill development and suggestions made by several stakeholders the flagship scheme modified to make it more effective, transparent and target oriented.

Under the modified PMKVY 2016-20, focus on quality capacity building is significantly enhanced. All accreditation is done by an online SMART portal with inspections done by an independent third party. The target allocation is based on the Stars assigned to the TC by the Centre Accreditation and Affiliation Committee. The grading is linked to quality of training, infrastructure availability, training capacity, past performance, geographical location and other relevant parameters. Various IT interventions such as Direct Benefit Transfer, Aadhaar linkage of trainers and trainees, Biometric attendance of candidate, maintaining of all MIS through SDMS portal to check duplication of candidates etc. have been ensured.

#### **Regional directorates for apprenticeship training centres**

†2831. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up more Regional Directorates for apprenticeship training centres during the current year, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether the Ministry has received a proposal from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to set up Regional Directorates for apprenticeship training office and if so, the details thereof?

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