

related to trades, products, services etc. Under the Scheme financial loans are given for capacity building for undertaking self-employment ventures by women in non-farm activities.

Likewise, Ministry of Women and Child Development has been administering STEP Scheme since 1986-87 as a 'Central Sector Scheme'. The STEP Scheme aims to provide skills that give employability to women and to provide competencies and skill that enable women to become self-employed/entrepreneurs.

Global Skill Parks

1413. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is setting up Global Skill Parks to boost the various skilling programmes in the country; and
- (b) if so, the location-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) No Sir, Government is not implementing any such scheme to set up Global skill Parks.

Upgradation of ITIs in Jharkhand

1414. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state the details of the steps Government has taken to upgrade ITIs in the country especially in Jharkhand during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): Directorate General of Training under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing following schemes in the country for upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) including State of Jharkhand:—

- (i) World Bank assisted Vocational Training Improvement Project (VTIP): The scheme, *inter alia*, covers upgradation of 400 Government ITIs in 34 States/UTs including 03 ITIs in the State of Jharkhand. The closing date of scheme is September, 2018. Under the scheme central funds of ₹ 1233 crore has been released to the States/UTs which includes ₹ 8.11 crore released to the State of Jharkhand. No fund has been released in the State of Jharkhand during last three years.

- (ii) Upgradation of existing Government ITIs into Model ITIs: A total of 25 Government ITIs have been covered in 24 States/UTs including 01 ITI in the State of Jharkhand. Under the scheme central funds of ₹ 63.15 crore has been released so far out of which ₹ 3.5 crore has been released to State of Jharkhand during last three years.

Agreement with private companies for skilled labour

1415. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Skill Development Corporation has entered into agreements with various private companies to support the requirement of skilled labour;

(b) whether any private companies from Bihar and Jharkhand have also been involved in this effort; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (Financial as well as Non-Financial) with several private companies to promote skill development initiatives under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and industry partnership. Most of the MoUs are tripartite agreement between National Skill Development Fund (NSDF), NSDC and the Companies. Details of MoUs signed are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of MoUs signed

(A) Details of the Financial Agreements/MoUs signed with private companies

CSR Project with Private companies (Financial Agreements)	MoU Start Date	Duration in Years	Budget (in ₹)
1	2	3	4
Computer Age Management Services	07.09.2015	1	2,400,000
Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd.	31.03.2015	1	5,000,000