

(b) to (d) Skill India Mission was launched to create convergence across sectors and States in terms of skill training activities through consolidating and coordinating skilling efforts, alongwith expediting the decision making across sectors to achieve skilling at scale with speed and standards. There are more than 40 schemes in 20 different Ministries which provide a variety of skill development training programmes throughout the country. To facilitate creation of a vibrant skill ecosystem in the country, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) was created in 2014. MSDE is proactively focusing on enhancing employability of the youth through skill development. Further, in 2015, the National Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Policy was formulated for imparting competency based skill development training with scale, speed and standards.

The complete transformation towards establishment of a vibrant skill ecosystem in line with international standards requires active role and responsibilities of a number of building blocks. Additionally, the annual training capacity of the country is only about 2.5 million which needs to be scaled up to meet the requirement of the large number of youth entering the workforce every year. While a number of steps have been taken by the Government to bridge the gap, given the limited resources and capacity available, this will take some time. Hence, as for now, Ministry has no plan to bring a bill 'Right to Skill Training' on the lines of 'Right to Education'.

Skill development programmes for unskilled labourers

†1750. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state the schemes being run for skill development of unskilled labourers, the number of persons who have been imparted training under these schemes so far and number of persons who have got employment after training till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE): The Government is implementing a number of schemes for imparting employable skills to the youth through short term and long term training. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the flagship skill training scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), as on 10.07.2018, 50.20 lakh candidates have been trained and over 9.3 lakh candidates have been placed. In addition, to strengthen the training infrastructure, the Government is promoting Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) as model skill centres in every district. As on date, 613 PMKKs have been allocated covering 548 districts, of which 462 have been established.

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Further, long term training is imparted through 14,295 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) (2187 Government and 12108 Private) having seating capacity of 30.73 lakh. A study conducted in 2015 by an external agency to assess labour market performance of the ITI sector, revealed that 63.5% pass-out trainees from ITIs find employment.

Convergence with more than 20 Central Ministries/ Departments implementing skill development programme has been initiated. Under this initiative, 72 lakh, 67 lakh and 67.5 lakh were trained during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively of which 9.6 lakh, 16 lakh and 11 lakh respectively were placed for the same period.

However, actual percentage of placement would be higher because many placements are not reported or tracked due to time lag between certification and jobs or self-employment. In addition, some candidates also opt for higher education despite having job offers.

Modernisation of Bhilai Steel Plant

†1751. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of operational public sector steel plants in Chhattisgarh at present;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any plan for modernisation and expansion of Bhilai Steel Plant of Steel Authority of India Limited at Chhattisgarh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent so far for this and the time-limit fixed for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) At present Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP), a unit of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), is one of the operational integrated steel plants in Chhattisgarh.

(b) and (c) SAIL has undertaken the modernization and expansion of BSP under which major facilities like New 7 metre tall Coke Oven Battery No.11, 2nd Sinter Machine in Sinter Plant-3, New Blast Furnace (BF) No. 8 (volume greater than 4000 m³), New Steel Melting Shop-III with secondary refining facilities and Continuous Casters, Universal Rail Mill and Rail Welding Lines, Bar and Rod Mill and other associated auxiliaries and utilities have been installed. An expenditure of ₹ 18,832 crores (on Gross Basis) has been incurred till June, 2018.

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