

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), short-term training is imparted to the youth. Initiative has also been taken to set up Model Skill Centres called Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK.s), in districts. Long-term training has been imparted through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched to promote apprenticeship. Further, convergence has been initiated with 20 Central Ministries/Departments implementing skill development programmes. Under this initiative, 104.16 lakh and 90.78 lakh youth have so far been trained under various programmes of these Ministries/Departments to meet the requirement of various sectors, in 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively.

#### **Introduction of Indian Skills Service**

1403. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to introduce Indian Skills Service on the lines of IAS IPS and IRS, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) With an objective to have an organized service, the Government of India has already notified Indian Skill Development Service Rules, 2017 vide notification dated 4th January, 2017, constituting a service known as Indian Skill Development Service which comprises of 263 Group 'A' posts.

#### **Introduction of new programmes in PMKY**

1404. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) till 31st January, 2018,

(b) the details of beneficiaries, under the scheme, State-wise; and