

(c) whether Government is partnering with foreign countries and big industrial organisations for the training of youths in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE): (a) to (d) The Government is implementing various schemes for imparting employable skills to the youth through short term and long term training. Long term skilling is being imparted through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). There are 13,912 ITIs in the country with a seating capacity of 29.6 lakh. Initiative has also been taken to set up Model Skill Centres called Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs), in districts. So far, 526 PMKKs have been allocated in 484 districts, out of which 386 PMKKs have been established and work has been initiated to set up PMKKs in 109 additional districts. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (2016 - 2020) is the flagship outcome-based Skill Training Scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). PMKVY (2016-2020) aims to skill 10 million youth by end of 2020 and as of now around 20 lakh candidates have been trained.

A number of steps have been taken to improve the quality of training which, *inter alia*, include-designing of one stop web based solution for Centre Accreditation, Affiliation and Continuous Monitoring, rigorous and continuous monitoring of training centre infrastructure, Aadhar Based Biometric attendance for Trainees, Trainers and Assessors, incentivising training centres for providing placement to trained candidates, increased focus on Soft skills, Entrepreneurship, Financial and Digital Literacy etc.

The Government through NSDC has partnered with organizations in Singapore, Sweden, Russia, Canada and France for building capacity for trainings, standards, etc. in the country.

Setting up of 1500 multi-skill training institutes

3009. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up of 1500 multi-skill training institutes in unserved/underserved areas across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such training institutes set up so far and proposed to be opened in the State of Odisha;

(d) the time by when the process of setting up of these institutes is likely to be completed; and

(e) the funds released to States and spent so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE): (a) to (e) Yes Sir, the Government proposes for setting up of 1,500 PM-Multi Skill Industrial Training Institutes (PM-MSITIs) in unserved blocks/underserved areas with participation of industry/private partners across the country. The scheme is under the process of Government Approval.

MoU signed between NSDC, GAIL, SDI and LabourNet

3010. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL), Skill Development Institute (SDI) and LabourNet;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said MoU was meant to promote and enhance skill development activities related to Urja Ganga Gas Pipeline Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE): (a) to (d) National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Gas Authority of India (GAIL), Skill Development Institute – Bhuwaneshwar and LabourNet have signed an MoU wherein all parties have agreed to collaborate on implementation of skill development activities connected with the Urja Ganga Gas Pipeline Project. The aim of the project is to conduct Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and required bridge courses at the work site for the entire length of the pipe line. The target beneficiaries would be the workers already working in different roles in the pipeline project and are without any formal skill training.

Setting up of IISD

3011. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up an Indian Institute of Skill Development (IISD) in every State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and