

**Integration of skill with education**

3170. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to integrate skills and education so that our youth are well-equipped to handle the present challenging employment market;
- (b) if so, the initiatives that have been taken in this regard in the last three years;
- (c) whether any plan has been drawn or proposed to be drawn in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in collaboration with Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) have taken a number of initiatives towards integrating skills and education. Under the scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, vocational education is provided to a large number of students in selected schools. Under this initiative, 9623 schools have been sanctioned across the country for integrating vocational education in general education from secondary class onwards.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, MSDE through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is supporting University Grant Commission for three schemes namely Community College, Bachelor of Vocational Course (BVOC) and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) Kaushal Kendras which are being introduced in different colleges and universities. Currently there are 531 colleges/universities under these schemes (275 BVOC colleges, 188 Community Colleges and 68 DDU Kaushal Kendra Colleges). Further, Academic Equivalence with 10th and 12th classes has been provided to ITI Students through National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) by means of credit transfer. NSDC has collaborated with MHRD for the following:

- i. Restructuring of BVOC by rolling out embedded apprenticeship under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). BVOC has multiple exits at Certificate, Diploma, Advance Diploma and Degree level. Through this, the employability of the general graduates is enhanced considerably as the student can have professional experience on the shop-floor, along with their graduation.

- ii. Graduate students passing out in the academic year 2018-2019 would be directly channeled into industry apprenticeship for a period of 6 months to one year depending on the sector chosen. Such apprenticeship would be assessed as per the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) and a certificate at the appropriate NSQF level would be given to the successful students, apart from a monthly stipend depending on the location.

#### **Payment of honorarium to trainers in Rajasthan**

†3171. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of arrangements made to regulate the honorarium of appointed trainers in the programmes being run by the Ministry to train the youth;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the trainers working at these training centres in Rajasthan have not received honorarium for the past several months;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Central Government to protect the interests of these trainers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-20, training is being imparted in accredited and affiliated training providers/training centers (TPs/TCs). The scheme provides payouts only to TPs/TCs based on output performances such as commencement of training, certification and placements. The TPs/TCs meet their operational commitments such as remuneration/honorarium to trainers, etc. out of the aforesaid disbursement, as per their own internal arrangements.

- (b) Ministry is not in receipt of any complaint in this regard.
- (c) and (d) In view of (b), question does not arise.

#### **Jobs under Skill Development Programme**

3172. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that various State Governments have demanded more jobs under skill development programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

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