

balance, pending liabilities of the previous financial year, if any, and overall performance. Fund release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed in making funds available keeping in view the demand for work. The Ministry seeks additional fund as and when required for meeting the demand for work on the ground. The budget allocation under MGNREGA during the last three financial years is as under:

Financial Year	Budget Allocation	Revised Allocation
2016-17	38500.00	48220.26
2017-18	48000.00	55167.06
2018-19	55000.00	61830.09

Employment under Jan Shikshan Sansthan

*89. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the transfer of Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship would ensure linkages between education and livelihoods;

(b) the details of employment generated under JSS schemes, sector-wise, gender-wise; and

(c) in case of employment being entrepreneurial venture, the details of such ventures, sector-wise, number of employed persons and the year of establishment?

THE MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (c) The scheme of Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSSs) was transferred from Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) in July 2018. The JSSs, which are run by selected Non Government Organizations (NGOs), focus on skill training and upgradation of neo literates, illiterates and school drop outs within the district of their operation. The objective of the trainings imparted under JSS is to link the individuals with gainful livelihood or to supplement their existing incomes through enhanced livelihood.

After the transfer of the scheme to MSDE, the existing guidelines of the scheme were reviewed in consultation with various experts in the sector, and the guidelines have been comprehensively revised *w.e.f.* 24.1.2019. Some of the key initiatives provided for in the revised guidelines are as below:

- (i) The number of courses under which training is imparted under JSS has been increased and the list is being further expanded.
- (ii) All the courses under JSS have been reviewed with the objective to align it with National Skills Qualification Framework, which is a competency based framework and ensure market relevance of the skilling courses.
- (iii) Provisions have been made for developing new courses as per requirement for nurturing and promoting traditional skills, which may be unique to a particular district or region in the country.
- (iv) The assessment and certification processes under JSS programme have been improved to ensure evidence based assessments and issue of certificates through a centralised portal, which can enable online verification of the certificates by the employer
- (v) The life skill component has been further strengthened under each training programme to improve training outcomes under JSS.

The trainings conducted under JSS between October 2018 to March 2019 as reported on JSS web portal are as below:

Female	Male	Other	Total
1,38,571	16,353	52	1,54,976

The JSSs have been working with the trained candidates for livelihood linkages in the form of supplementing income levels or wage employment or self employment. However, the data is not being mandatorily captured at central level, till date, As per the revised guidelines, the livelihood linkages provided to the trainees, after completion of same, will also be captured centrally at national level from the current financial year 2019-20.

Revival of Madras Fertilizers Limited

*90. DR. SASIKALAPUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Madras Fertilizer Limited (MFL) has been declared sick;
- (b) if so, the date on which it has been declared sick;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any plan to revive the MFL;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and