

Starvation death

*207. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country is still fighting starvation deaths;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there is a recent incident of starvation death in a relief camp in Tripura; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) No State Government/Union Territory Administration has reported any incidence of starvation death during the last five years. Media reports alleging starvation deaths from time to time have not been substantiated.

There has been no starvation death in Tripura relief camps.

Impact of skill development programmes

*208. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that around 25 crore youth are likely to enter the workforce over the next decade, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) what is the anticipated impact on the skill development programmes launched by Government;
- (c) the details of the result of the efforts so far to skill over 40 crore youth by 2022; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that in the context of the adoption of new technologies and digitization, job competencies required are changing and if so, the expected impact on the future job situation with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (d) As per the National Policy on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015, 104.62 million fresh entrants to the workforce

are required to be skilled by 2022. Under Skill India Mission, the Government is implementing more than 40 skill development schemes/programmes across 20 Central Ministries/Departments, for providing skill development on pan India basis with a target to skill around one crore youth annually. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing a flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-20 with an objective to impart skill training to one crore prospective youth pan India for four years with a budgetary outlay of ₹ 12,000 crore. As on 11.11.2019, 69.03 lakhs candidates have been trained under the scheme.

The Evaluation Study of PMKVY 2.0 by NSDC indicates that individuals trained and certified under Short Term Training (STT) are 1.8 times more likely to get employed and there is increase in employment and average monthly income of skilled youth. Under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) certification, individuals have been benefitted in terms of increase in self-confidence, improvement in technical knowledge, soft-skills and average monthly income.

Further, in order to meet changing requirement of industry due to adoption of new technologies Qualification Packs - National Occupational Standards across 9 emerging technologies such as Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data Analytics, Cloud Computing, Block Chain, Robotic Process Automation, Internet of Things, Virtual Reality, and Social & Mobile Application in association with IT-ITeS Sector Skill Council have been developed. Besides, NASSCOM has also launched FutureSkills platform with an aim to re-skill two million professionals and potential employees and students in the industry over a period of 5 years. The Directorate General of Training under MSDE is implementing a scheme "Dual System of Training" (DST) to enable industry to partner with ITIs for conducting training programmes in high employability courses as per industry requirement.

Consumer spending in rural areas

*209. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumer spending in rural areas declined by 8.8 per cent in 2017-18, indicating a fall after four decades and consequent rise in poverty levels; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?