

National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

1587. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any evaluation of skill development scheme has been conducted by an independent agency as envisaged in the National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As envisaged in the National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, the Ministry has been undertaking regular monitoring and evaluation of the various initiatives for necessary corrective measures, if any. Ministry has assigned the task of third party evaluation of seven Central Sector Schemes being implemented by it viz; (i) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), (ii) Jan Shiksha Sansthan (JSS), (iii) Up-gradation of 1396 Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) (iv) Skill Development in 47 Districts Affected by Left Wing Extremist (LWE), (v) National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), (vi) Up-gradation of existing Government ITIs into Model ITIs and (vii) Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in North Eastern States (ESDI), In April, 2020 to Indian Institute of Public Administration, National Productivity Council and National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD).

Further, a Quick study of PMKVY was undertaken by National Skill Development Corporation which found that standardized protocols and processes have largely been followed in various steps of skill value chain and that the skilled under PMKVY get higher wages.

Need for Digital Skills

1588. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether digital skills are crucial in the post - COVID era by training the jobless, modernise institutions and including cutting-edge technologies in university curricula; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/results yielded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Digital Skills are crucial in the post COVID era to ensure skilling for the youth and also to address the requirements of Industrial Revolution 4. Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry plays a key role in the implementation of long term training schemes including training in the latest cutting edge technologies. DGT has entered into an MOU with IBM in June 2020 for Free Digital Learning Platform "Skills Build Reignite" to reach more Job Seekers and provide new resources to Business Owners in India. The Skills Build Reignite aims to provide job seekers and entrepreneurs, with access to free online coursework and mentoring support designed to help them reinvent their careers and businesses. Multifaceted digital skill training in the area of Cloud Computing and Artificial Intelligence (AI) is provided to students and trainers across the nation in the National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs). The Ministry of Education has launched an initiative 'YUKTI 2.0' in June 2020 to help systematically assimilate technologies having commercial potential and information related to incubated start-ups in the higher education institutions.

[1589. *The Question was Cancelled.*]

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Need to bring a Bill to expedite development of pending rail and road projects stuck due to court cases

लेफ्टीनेंट जनरल (डा.) डी.पी. वत्स (सेवानिवृत्त) (हरियाणा): माननीय सभापति जी, मैं आपके माध्यम से सदन और सरकार का ध्यान दशकों से लटके हुए कोर्ट केसेज़ की वजह से डेवलपमेंट प्रोजेक्ट्स, खासकर रेल एंड रोड प्रोजेक्ट्स, की तरफ दिलाना चाहता हूँ। कोर्ट केसेज़ की वजह से इंपॉर्टेंट रेल और रोड प्रोजेक्ट्स लटक जाते हैं और जब मैंने चैक किया, तो एक प्रोजेक्ट तो 45 साल से लटका हुआ है। ऐसे में, मैं आपके माध्यम से मिनिस्ट्री ऑफ लॉ एंड जस्टिस से रिक्वेस्ट करना चाहता हूँ कि वे एक स्पेशल लेजिस्लेशन लेकर आएँ, जिससे डेवलपमेंट प्रोजेक्ट्स का टाइमबाउंड निपटारा किया जा सके। मेरे होम स्टेट में भी एक 70 किलोमीटर लंबी रोहतक-हांसी रेलवे लाइन डिकेड से लटकी हुई थी, जिसका निपटारा अब हुआ है, लेकिन अब मजदूर अवेलेबल नहीं हैं। इसलिए मैं आपके माध्यम से ऐसे केसेज़ के लिए स्पेशल टाइमबाउंड निपटारे की दरखास्त करता हूँ, जय हिंद।