

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2878
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021**

IMPACT OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted to assess the impact of skill development courses on the employability of people and the difference skill development has made to the people who got skilled, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any scheme through which people without any formal education but with skills in various fields are provided with skill certificates after proper assessment;
- (c) the total number of skill development centres in the country; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Central Government to further popularise the skill development programmes?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI R.K. SINGH)**

(a) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), being implemented through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). PMKVY provides for skill training mainly through Short-Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). PMKVY has been launched in three phases viz. PMKVY 1.0 (2015-16), PMKVY 2.0 (2016-2020) and PMKVY 3.0, which was launched on 15.01.2021. NSDC had engaged Sambodhi Research and Communications to conduct a third-party evaluation Study of PMKVY 2.0 to assess the impact of the program on the employability and income of its participants or beneficiaries in a holistic manner. The Sambodhi Study found that the mean monthly income of individuals trained and certified under PMKVY 2.0 – STT was 15 percent higher when compared to a comparison group of individuals who has not participated in PMKVY. Further, the average monthly income of RPL-certified individuals was found to be 19 percent higher than that of a comparison group of non-RPL certified individuals.

(b) The RPL component of PMKVY, which recognizes existing skills through orientation, and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme of the Ministry do not mandate any formal education before undertaking training/ orientation in short-term skilling. Certification is done after completion of assessment.

(c) Under PMKVY, training is imparted through empanelled Training Centres (TCs) and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs). As on 19.01.2021, 14,353 TCs have been empanelled and 738 PMKKs established. Further, 229 Jan Shikshan Sansthan are functional in 25 States and 3 Union Territories. In the long-term training eco-system, there are 14,813 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) functioning in the country as of 10.03.2021.

(d) The various steps taken by the Ministry to popularise the skill development programmes, *inter-alia*, include the following:

- MSDE has allocated adequate funds to State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs) under PMKVY 3.0 for promotion of the scheme and has given full authority to utilize the funds for adopting the communication outreach, which works best at local level.
- MSDE engages periodically with the media and does advocacy with regard to skill development and its relevance to the current market demand, through *Rozgar Melas*, *Kaushal Mahotsav*, and counseling sessions for youth, interactive sessions and activities, panel discussions, *Kushal Yuva Samvaad* and also through events to celebrate their success, achievements and milestones.
- MSDE, through the NSDC, organizes skill competitions such as IndiaSkills which are conducted across state, regional and national levels to make skills aspirational for youth.
- Further, various organizations under the aegis of MSDE viz. NSDC, Directorate General of Training, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, and National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) also create awareness at their respective levels.
