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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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SKILL GAP STUDIES

769. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Skill Gap Studies have been completed in more than 20 coastal districts of the country;
- (b) if so, the names of districts in Andhra Pradesh where Skill Gap Studies have been identified and skill action plans prepared and implemented;
- (c) whether there are any plans to set up Multi-Skill Development Centre at Visakhapatnam;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR)

- (a) Yes, Sir. A Skill Gap Study was carried out in 21 coastal districts with the objective of estimating the district-wise skilling requirements of workforce, current skill training capacity and provide recommendations to address the skill gaps. Special focus was given on Ports and Maritime Sector.
- (b) In Andhra Pradesh, study was carried out in Vishakhapatnam and East Godavari Districts. Study identified gaps between total demand and supply of skilled manpower in sectors including construction, logistics, tourism and manufacturing. Along with other sectors, jobs roles in ports and maritime sector which are in high demand were identified in port operations, ship building and repairs, offshore operations and fisheries.

Further, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) signed Memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) for DDU-GKY Sagarmala convergence programme in May, 2017. MoPSW is funding skill development under Sagarmala-DDU-GKY Convergence programme to enable skilling of coastal population.

- (c), (d) & (e) Vishakhapatnam Port Trust has been identified by MoPSW for setting up of MSDC. The operating and management partner has been selected. The building at Vishakhapatnam Port Trust has been handed over to operating partner.
