

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2239  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021**

**DIGITALIZATION IN REVAMPED TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

**2239. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS:**

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

- (a) the measures Government has taken in recognizing the growing importance of remote working and increased digitalization in the revamped training programmes;
- (b) how is Government planning to increase the placement percentage of the currently enrolled candidates; and
- (c) the steps that have been taken by Government to end the artificial separation between education and skills?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) Covid 19 pandemic has caused serious disruption in skilling and employment. Lockdown and other Covid 19 pandemic, protective measures have caused disruption in classroom and onsite training programmes.

Online Blended Training Programmes were introduced in both short term and long term skilling for the youth, which is crucial in the post Covid era to ensure skilling for the youth and also to address the requirements of Industrial Revolution 4.0. Such training programmes using on-line mode have further advantages such as increasing the reach of training, less commutation for trainees, particularly women trainees, etc.

Further, the National Skill Development Corporation, under MSDE, has created e-Skill India, a multi-lingual portal, providing e-skilling opportunities to the Indian youth. e-Skill India works collaboratively as an e-Learning aggregator portal by establishing strategic digital skilling partnerships with knowledge partners to bring best-in-class digital opportunities for the youth under one roof. The portal has over 900 e-courses and more than 7.5 lakh enrolments. Majority of e-course on e-Skill India are offered for free. Likewise, the Bharat Skills portal, managed by DGT, is for pursuing long-term training through the online and digital mode.

(b) Anticipating serious disruption caused by Covid 19 pandemic on industries and employment, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has launched the Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM) portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities. The portal has provision for direct registration of candidates as well is linked the Skill India Portal via API integration and currently has over 1 crore skilled candidates available. Currently, there are more than 2500 employers actively hiring for over 1,133,200 active job opportunities.

Further, under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), as on 10.07.2021, 1.37 crore candidates have been enrolled; Out of which, 23.24 lakh candidates have been placed. Placement under the scheme has been linked with payout to training providers. The last tranche, i.e., 30% of total payout, is being disbursed to training providers on ensuring placement of the candidates. Further, to enhance placement of the certified candidates, RozgarMelas are organised with the support of Sector Skill Councils, training providers and implementing agencies to directly link the candidates with the potential employers.

(c) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 which has introduced reforms in education, envisages and prescribes curriculum integration of vocational training.

Beginning with vocational exposure at early ages in middle and secondary school, quality vocational education will be integrated smoothly into higher education. It will ensure that every child learns at least one vocation and is exposed to several more. As per the said policy, vocational education will start in school from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and will include internship.