

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 920  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT TO TACKLE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM**

**920. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:**

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

- (a) whether Government had introduced skill development plan effectively with the aim of skilling 40 crore people across the country when the scheme had been launched in 2015 to meet the requirements of industries and generate employment;
- (b) if, so, the details thereof and how far the skill development programme has helped providing jobs to the unemployed youth;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to club formal education with skill training to tackle the problem of unemployment for educated youth; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and also whether Government also has plans to make available specialized training to such educated youth after their formal education?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)**

(a) Yes Sir. Under Skill India Mission, the Government is delivering skills through various skill development schemes/programmes across 20 Central Ministries/Departments on pan India basis in which 573.86 Lakhs persons have been trained so far. Number of persons trained under the various schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) under the Skill India Mission is as follows: -

<b>Name of Scheme</b>	<b>Persons trained since 2015-16 under MSDE Schemes (in lakhs)</b>
Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY ) 1.0, 2.0 & 3.0 (from 2015 to 31.12.2021)	134.29
Fee based training by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) (till 19.07.2021)	117.39
National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) (From 2015-16 to 31.12.2021)	13.30

Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) (Since 2018-19 to 31-12-2021)	11.51
Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) [Long term training through State Government and Private ITIs] (2015-2020)	75.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>351.86</b>

(b) 23.7 lakh candidates have been provided employment under PMKVY since 2015.1.02 lakh candidates have got self-employment/wage employment under JSS from 2018-19 to 31.12.2021. Since NAPS is an apprenticeship related scheme, no placement is tracked. As per tracer study, 63.5% to total ITI pass out are self/wage employed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education is implementing the component of Vocationalisation of School Education under the umbrella of Samagra Shiksha - an integrated scheme for school education', a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The scheme aims at integrating Vocational Education with general academic education in all Secondary/Senior Secondary schools; enhancing the Employability and Entrepreneurial abilities of the students, providing exposure to work environment; and generating awareness amongst students about various career options so as to enable them to make a choice in accordance with their aptitude, competence and aspirations. The scheme covers Government and Government aided schools.

Under Vocational Education component of \*Samagra Shiksha\*, NSQF compliant vocational courses are offered to the students from class 9th to 12th in the schools covered under the scheme. The State Governments have been advised that Vocational courses are to be treated at par with other academic subjects and accorded a similar status in the scheme of subjects. The States/UTs submit proposals as part of Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) which are considered by the Project Approval Board of Samagra Shiksha.

Till March 2021, 12,813 schools have been approved under the scheme out of which the scheme has so far been implemented in 11,710 schools with the reported enrolment of 15,63,319 students. For the year 2021-22, 1622 new schools have been approved for Vocational Education under Samagra Shiksha taking the total number of schools approved for implementing the scheme to 14,435 schools.

National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS), Ministry of Education has been extended for the next five years with an outlay of Rs. 3,054 crore which will make, through apprenticeship, around 9 lakh students employable. Under the scheme students will be given apprenticeship in the emerging and frontier technology such as Artificial Intelligence, drone technology, new evolving and emergent areas including expertise required for Production Linked Incentive Scheme, and PM Gati Shakti Programme of the Government.

As far as the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship is concerned, it has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU), the partnership aims to link vocational education and training with higher education, making India's youth employable by creating avenues for them to access better work opportunities. The trainees attached to National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI), Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) will benefit from the programme, aimed at creating upward mobility of these students to be able to attain higher education for better livelihood opportunities.

Under the partnership, 32 NSTIs, more than 3,000 Government ITIs, 500 PMKKs and nearly 300 JSS will be associated with IGNOU as Registration Centres, Examination Centres and Work Centres for hands on training. Through the collaboration, students will now get an opportunity to join the three-year degree programme of IGNOU. There shall be a Project Steering Committee with representatives from both MSDE and IGNOU to monitor and review the progress of the programme.

The MoU is in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goal 4.4 and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 for increasing Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education including vocational education to 50% by 2035. The Guidelines of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, B.Voc and Degree Apprenticeship has been finalized and published at the public domain. The Government is intending to provide short term market relevant courses to the formally educated students at centers under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

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