

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1028**  
ANSWERED ON- 15/12/2022

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT**

1028. SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme to impart skill development to the Indian youth for overseas employment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons proposed to be skilled and already skilled under the scheme; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated for this purpose?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY), a joint collaborative partnership between Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), aims at enhancing the skills set of potential emigrant workers in select sectors and job roles, in line with international standards, to facilitate their overseas employment. The scheme comprises of two components. The first one is technical top-up training, involving recognition of prior learning, assessment and certification, provided by MSDE, through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). The second one is a training programme on the soft skills, called – Pre-Departure Orientation and Training (PDOT), to be imparted by MEA in collaboration with NSDC, State Governments and other partners.

Government of India started PDOT programmes in 2018, to enhance soft skills of prospective Indian migrant workers, in terms of culture, language, tradition and local rules and regulations of the destination country, and to sensitize migrant workers about pathways to safe and legal migration and various government programmes for their welfare and protection. The initiative has been successful.

(b) As of now, 32 PDOT centres are operational in 29 cities of 15 States/UT (Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Bihar, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka). As on 30 November, 2022, PDO Training has been imparted to 1,21,596 prospective emigrants.

(c) Since its inception, the budget allocation for PDOT is as follows:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Rs. in crores</b>
1.	2017-18	0.5 crores
2.	2018-19	0.5 crores
3.	2019-20	3.0 crores
4.	2020-21	0.2 crores
5.	2021-22	2.0 crores
6.	2022-23	3.5 crores

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