

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1714**  
ANSWERED ON – 21/12/2022

**ASSESSMENT OF PM KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJANA**

1714. SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted an assessment study of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) on the employability of the workforce;
- (b) the number of training centres that were closed during the pandemic and its impact on the skill development program, State-wise;
- (c) the status of the first batch of Indian Skill Development Service (ISDS) inducted by Government in 2019; and
- (d) whether Government is proposing to start recruitment on yearly basis to ISDS and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 2.0 (PMKVY 2.0) was evaluated by NITI Aayog in October 2020 under jobs and skills sector on various aspects covering employability of the workforce. Further, third-party impact evaluation of the scheme PMKVY 2.0 (2016-20) was conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).

(b) COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruptions in economy, livelihood and labour market. The skill ecosystem was also impacted due to COVID-19 induced lockdown. Due to the restrictions imposed during the lockdown, training was paused/temporarily suspended from March 2020 and was permitted to resume from September 2020 (subject to State specific lockdowns/directives which continued even after September 2020). Restrictions were further imposed post the second wave of COVID-19. All pending/ on-going PMKVY trainings were resumed post-lockdown.

As on date, no study has been conducted by the Ministry for evaluating the impact of COVID-19 disruptions on skill development programme.

(c) 30 Assistant Directors (ADs) have joined in 2019 as the first batch of Indian Skill Development Service (ISDS) against the 32 reported vacancies in Engineering Services Exam (ESE)-2018 and have completed mandatory Induction Training. One officer had resigned in year 2021 and remaining ADs are working as per their assigned work.

(d) Recruitment for ISDS cadre/officers is done as per the available vacancies.

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