

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.766**  
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT INDEX**

766. SHRI JAGGESH:

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

- (a) whether Government is of the opinion that the ranking of States and industries on the Skill Development Index would help identify gaps not just at the National and State level but at local level as well and help Government make necessary changes;
- (b) Whether Government proposes to develop a Skill Development Index to monitor the progress of skilling programmes and fine-tune the National Skills Policy in line with the assessment done for the country as a whole; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (c) The Government have no such proposal to develop a Skill Development Index. However, Skill gap studies conducted through different reputed organizations provide information on the skills needed and the skill gaps in various sectors, which help to understand the skill requirements and opportunities. Further, District Skill Committees (DSCs) are mandated with formulating District Skill Development Plans (DSDPs) to promote decentralized planning and implementation at the grassroots. The DSDPs identify sectors in which employment opportunities and demand for skilling exists. Skill Development Programmes of the Government are designed and implemented to bridge identified skill gaps across sectors. Coordination across programs of various Ministries in Government of India and other key stake holders like State Government, Industry, training ecosystem etc is ensured, inter alia, through Common Norms, implementation of National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF), data integration through the Skill India Portal (SIP).

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