

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -2691**  
ANSWERED ON - 18/12/2024

**PMDAKSH YOJANA**

2691. # SHRI NARESH BANSAL

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the main objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi Yojana (PMDAKSH); and
- (b) to what extent the National Action Plan for Skill Development has been formulated to address the needs of disadvantaged persons including Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, EWS, DNT, garbage collectors including sanitation workers, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) & (b) PM-DAKSH Scheme, a Central Sector Scheme, was launched with an objective to enhance competency level of the persons belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Other Backward Class (OBC), De-notified Tribe (DNT), Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Safai Karamcharis including Waste Pickers to make them employable both in wage-employment and self-employment through quality skill training.

The Scheme was approved with an outlay of Rs. 450 crore for a five year period starting from 2021-22 with a target to train 2,71,000 candidates out of which 1,55,208 candidates have been trained till 2023-24.

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