

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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INDIAN SKILL PROFESSIONALS IN THE GLOBAL MARKET

2188. SMT. MAUSAM B NOOR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the share of Indian skilled professionals in the global market has been declining continuously;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government has conducted any review in this regard along with the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken by Government to overcome the issue of proportional skill gap in relation to the population of the country; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to focus on the non-traditional sectors of employment for the Indian workforce in the global market and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) Sir, as per information provided by Ministry of External Affairs, the data is maintained only in respect of Indian workers holding Emigration Check Required (ECR) passports, proceeding for overseas employment through e-Migrate portal to any of the ECR category countries. The ECR passport holders are generally unskilled or semi-skilled workers. The number of Emigration Clearances (ECs) granted to such workers does not indicate any substantial decline. On the contrary, clearances granted during 2023 and 2024 have been higher than those issued in 2022. The data for ECs granted during last 3 years is shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Emigration Clearances (ECs) granted to workers with ECR passport, during the last 3 years

Year	Number of Emigration Clearances Granted
2024	3,87,067
2023	3,98,317
2022	3,73,425

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In order to bridge the skill gap in relation to the population of the country, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is delivering skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/colleges/institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country.

(d) To equip the workforce with industry-ready skills, 36 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) have been set up by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), led by industry leaders. Skill development courses are periodically updated, with inputs from SSCs, to bridge skill gaps across sectors. Accordingly, under PMKVY 4.0, new-age and futuristic courses like coding, AI, Robotics, IoT, 3D printing, Drones, and cloud computing have been introduced. The Directorate General of Training (DGT) is also imparting vocational training in 31 New Age/Future Skills courses like Drones, AI, Mechatronics, IoT, Cybersecurity, Semiconductor etc. Additionally, MeitY, in collaboration with NASSCOM, has launched the "FutureSkills PRIME" program to re-skill and up-skill candidates in emerging technologies such as AI, AR/VR, Blockchain, IOT, Big Data Analytics etc.
