

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the reasons behind the low percentage of people in the 14-60 age group receiving Vocational Training and Technical (VTT) programmes based on the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set any targets to improve the effectiveness and reach of the VTT programme to address the employability gap and enhance labour productivity in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any VTT programmes are operational in Mau and Ballia districts in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) and (b) As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Annual Report 2022-23 of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), percentage of persons in the age group 15-59 years who received vocational/technical training was 27.4%, which includes 3.8% who received formal training. Lack of awareness about benefits of vocational training and its perceived low aspirational value are among important reasons for low participation in vocational/technical training programmes.

(c) and (d) The Skill India Mission (SIM) of the Govt of India is aimed at skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling to ensure our youth are prepared for the large number of opportunities coming up as the economy expands. SIM is aimed at future ready and Industry ready skills for our youth.

Under SIM, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through 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), to all the sections of the society across the country with the aim to address the employability gap and further enhance labour productivity.

In order to improve the effectiveness of the skill training programme for meeting the employability requirements and thereby enhancement of labour productivity, following steps have been taken by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE):

- i. The training programmes offered under the schemes of MSDE are developed in collaboration with industries, keeping in view market demands. 36 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), led by industry leaders in the respective sectors, have been set up by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) which are mandated to identify the skill development needs of respective sectors as well as to determine skill competency standards.
- ii. Future ready job-roles addressing the requirement of Industry 4.0, emerging sectors like Drone, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotics, Mechatronics, etc., have been prioritized under PMKVY 4.0. Under CTS also, new age courses have been developed to meet the demand of futuristic job roles in emerging technologies.
- iii. The National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) has been set up as an overarching regulator establishing regulations and standards to ensure quality in the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) space.
- iv. The Awarding Bodies recognised by NCVET are expected to develop the qualifications as per the industry demand and map them with the identified occupations as per the National Classification of Occupation, 2015, of Ministry of Labour and Employment and obtain industry validations.
- v. Directorate General of Training (DGT) is implementing Flexi MoU Scheme and Dual System of Training (DST). These initiatives are meant to provide training to ITI students in industrial environment.
- vi. Courses aligned to National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) also have components of On Job Training (OJT) and employability skills.
- vii. DGT has also signed MoU with IT Tech companies like IBM, CISCO, Future Skill Rights Network (erstwhile Quest Alliance), Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft to ensure industry linkages for the institutes at the state and regional levels under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.
- viii. NSDC, under the Market led program, provides support to training providers that collaborate and align skill courses with industry demand.
- ix. Under NAPS, apprenticeship training and increasing engagement with industrial establishments for undertaking apprenticeship programmes is promoted.
- x. Government of India has signed Migration and Mobility Agreement with ten countries viz., U.K.; France, Germany, Israel, Taiwan, Austria, Mauritius, Australia, Portugal and Finland for aligning skilling with demand in these countries.
- xi. Government of India has announced setting up of 30 Skill India International Centers for catering to the demand for skilled workers for foreign countries.

(e) and (f) The details of the number of training centres in Mau and Ballia districts in the State of Uttar Pradesh under various schemes of MSDE are as under:

District	PMKVY Centres	ITIs (Govt and Private)	NAPS*	JSS
Mau	30	86	92	1
Balia	25	85	66	1

* Establishment under NAPS.
