

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 188
ANSWERED ON – 22/07/2024

DEMAND FOR SKILLED WORKERS

188. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA :

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SHAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

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

- (a) whether as per a report by blue-collar worker market place 'Huntr' the demand for skilled blue-collar workers from India has grown substantially in the current year as compared to previous year in foreign countries, particularly in Middle East countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, the sectors in which demand has increased;
- (c) whether infrastructure firms in India have also been hit by acute shortage of skilled and unskilled manpower in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the demand for non-skilled workers has also seen a more modest increase of approximately 10-15 percent; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b) There is no such study available with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

(c) to (d) There is no such information available with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship regarding infrastructure firms in India been hit by acute shortage of skilled and unskilled manpower or demand for non-skilled workers seeing an increase. As per the Economic Survey 2022-23, the growth in the core industries, which are critical in meeting the demand for inputs across industries, has held steady reflecting a broad momentum in industrial activity in India.

(e) In order to meet the skilling requirement across various sectors including the infrastructure sector and to align the training programs with the changes in the

economy and technology to meet the needs of the industry, following steps have been taken by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship:

- i. Expansion in infrastructure of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) through new ITIs in Public and Private Sectors.
- ii. Upgradation and modernization of ITIs in terms of their infrastructure, pedagogy, curriculum and technology interventions.
- iii. Introduction of new-age courses in Internet of Things (IoT), Renewable Energy, Additive Manufacturing Technology (3-D Printing), Mechatronics, Drone Technology etc in ITIs.
- iv. Launching of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), for imparting short-term skill training to the youth.
- v. Implementation of JSS to impart Vocational Skills to non-literates, neo-literates and the persons having rudimentary level of education upto 8th standard and school dropouts upto 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years.
- vi. Notification of common norms for bringing about uniformity and standardization in implementation of various Skill Development schemes by different Central Ministries/ Departments.
- vii. Setting up of Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) as industry-led bodies to develop National Occupation Standards (NOSs).
- viii. Implementation of Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP), an outcome-oriented World Bank supported project for strengthening institutional mechanisms at both national and state levels.
- ix. Implementation of Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) scheme, a World Bank assisted project launched with the objective of improving the relevance and efficiency of skills training provided through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and apprenticeships.
- x. Mobilisation/outreach activities through Kaushal/Rozgar Melas, Skills Career Counselling Scheme in making skilling aspirational.
- xi. Alignment of courses as per National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF).
- xii. Trainings of Trainers through National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) and Institutes of Training of Trainers (IToTs).
- xiii. Launch of National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) to promote apprenticeship training in the country by providing stipend support to the apprentices, undertake capacity building of the apprenticeship ecosystem and provide advocacy assistance to support rapid growth.
