

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether his Ministry proposes to take the initiative of skill development to all regions of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether his Ministry is focusing on creating an able workforce for the upcoming IT hardware industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to facilitate credit availability for entrepreneurial ventures that skilled people can undertake?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) (b) Yes. The Government of India has formulated over 73 skill development schemes for the youth, which varies across sectors and implemented through over 20 GOI Ministries/Departments. The targets and achievements of these schemes from FY 2011-12 till date are attached as Annexure 1.

(c)-(d) NIELIT, an autonomous society set up by Department of Electronics and Information Technology, is actively engaged in skill development and development of human resources in the areas of IT and Electronics. NIELIT has launched a scheme for computer hardware courses during 2006-07 in association with Manufacturer's Association for Information Technology (MAIT). The objective of the scheme is to generate quality manpower for computer hardware maintenance and networking by utilizing the facilities and expertise available with training institutes/ organizations in the non-formal sector. Under this scheme, Diploma in Computer Hardware Maintenance (CHM) – `O` Level and Advance Diploma in Computer Hardware Maintenance & Networking (CHM) – `A` Level courses are offered.

A 'Scheme for Financial Assistance to select States for Skill Development in Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) sector' has been approved to provide financial assistance for facilitating skill development for 90,000 persons in ESDM sector by involving select States for improving the employability of the students/ unemployed youth. Under this Scheme, IT Hardware has also been identified as one of the verticals and at present three courses for the same have been selected for launching by the selected 8 states.

(e) Public and private sector banks and other financial institutions have credit facilities for entrepreneurial ventures that skilled people can undertake. In order to further facilitate easy availability of credit, the Department of Financial Services has recently set up a committee to look at the overall credit framework for supporting MSME sector including entrepreneurial ventures by skilled people.