

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

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SKILL TRAINING

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to benchmark skill training to global standards, aiming at turning India into the skill capital of the world;
- (b) if so, whether the scheme is likely to tap rural India and promote the Rural India Skills Mark as a globally recognized stamp of quality;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether rural India has the potential to become the single biggest source of skilled manpower; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) The Government has notified the National Skills Qualification Framework, which inter-alia, has an objective of alignment of Indian qualifications to international qualifications in accordance with relevant bilateral and multilateral agreements.

(b)&(c) The Government has revamped the placement linked skill development scheme for rural poor youth (known as Aajeevika Skills) under National Rural Livelihood Mission, as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY). The scheme has identified advocacy of Rural India Skills Mark for skilling and ensuring adherence of standards by project implementing agencies in skilling of candidates.

(d)&(e) It is estimated that there are nearly 8 to 10 crore youth in the age group of 15-35 years who can be skilled to join the workforce. The DDU-GKY has identified this group for skill development.