

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1952
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

SHORTAGE OF WORKFORCE

1952 Dr. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified the countries facing a shortage of workforce;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any plan to train and supply the workforce to these countries through Indian missions of respective countries; and
- (c) whether the Government plan to consider and giving priority to the returned expatriates in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes Sir, NSDC- International under the aegis of MSDE has conducted a study to ascertain skilled workforce requirement in the following 16 countries: Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Germany, Japan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, United States of America, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom. It is estimated that there will be global demand of 3.7 million skilled and trained workforce in the coming five years in these countries.

(b) Indian Missions in the identified focus countries are a pivot to this Ministry's outreach to the foreign Governments/organizations for bilateral engagements- G2G and B2B- for cooperation in the field of Skill Development. Through such engagements MSDE aims to ease mobility of skilled workforce from India to bilateral partners. NSDC under the aegis of MSDE has also signed Business to Business Agreements with business entities of various countries to facilitate overseas mobility of Indian skilled workforce, capacity building of trainers, employer engagements, etc.

Further, in consonance with the budget announcement for the current FY, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has proposed to set up 30 Skill India International Centres across different States to skill the youth for international opportunities and Indian Missions will play critical role for facilitating employer connects in destination countries.

Further, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) along with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) and Ministry of Education (MoE) jointly organized the 1st Virtual Global Skills Summit on 15th of November 2022 with the Indian Ambassadors/High Commissioners representing Indian Missions of ten countries, namely Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore, Tanzania, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom. In the summit the way forward to position India as a Skill Hub of the world by leveraging its demographic advantage and vibrant skill ecosystem was discussed.

(c) MSDE is providing up-skilling and reskilling opportunities to the youth, including returned expatriates, through various skilling initiatives such as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikshan Sansthan, National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).
