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**INDIA INTERNATIONAL SKILL CENTERS (IISCS)**

178. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY: SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

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

- (a) the number of India International Skill Centers (IISCs) set up across the country;
- (b) the details of their financial, physical and functional progress; and
- (c) the details and number of IISCs set up or under process of set up in Andhra Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a), (b), and (c): Sir, Skill India Mission (SIM) demands for global talent all around the world. Skill India International Centers (SIICs) were setup to deal with students who seek opportunities abroad. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) initially conceived India International Skill Centers (IISCs) to offer skill training and certification in line with global standards. The primary objective of IISCs was to prepare individuals for overseas employment by functioning as training, counseling, and resource centers.

The pilot phase of IISCs, conducted until July 2, 2018, involved the establishment of centers through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to implement the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY) schemes for youth seeking global job opportunities. During this pilot phase, both domain skill training meeting international standards and Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) were provided to candidates. The realization from this phase was that addressing the requirements of international migration, such as securing meaningful employment, acclimatization in foreign destinations, and emergency support, requires a comprehensive support structure. This led to the conceptualization of SIICs to offer end-to-end assistance for mobilized individuals.

SIICs are envisioned as centralized hubs for individuals seeking employment abroad. These centers will not only deliver training according to international standards but also provide counseling, assistance with passport and visa procedures, and post-placement support, etc. The overarching goal of SIICs is to establish a 'Trusted Workforce Supply Chain,' ensuring fair and transparent skilled mobility from India.

In line with the Budget announcement for the fiscal year 2023-24, MSDE has proposed the establishment of 30 SIICs across various states. The selection of SIIC locations is based on migration patterns and the demand for overseas mobility in different regions, forming an ongoing process. Currently, two SIICs have been established, one in Varanasi and another at SDI, Bhubaneswar. The Varanasi center features labs for Electrical, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Automotive, Plumbing, Scaffolding, Solar technician training, language while the Bhubaneswar center has an operationalized HVAC lab. A total of 4,230 candidates have been deployed overseas from SIIC Varanasi during August, 2022- December 2023.

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