

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2428**  
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023

**PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FOR UPSKILLING PLAN**

2428. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has embarked on an upskilling plan that aims to partner with other countries in the world that need skilled employees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise along with the progress achieved thereto; and
- (c) the details of the likely benefits for the youth of the country through this plan?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a), (b) and (c) Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/colleges/institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and industry ready skills.

It is the endeavour of MSDE to engage with different countries and facilitate gainful employment opportunities to the youth of the country. Under the aegis of MSDE, NSDC has undertaken a study of following 16 countries to understand their skill requirements: 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.

Further, MSDE has active Government-to-Government MoUs with eight (08) countries, namely: Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Qatar, UAE, and UK. The MoUs provide a broad framework for cooperation with the partner country in areas such as Information Exchange, Standard Setting, Mutual Recognition of Qualifications, Training of Trainers, Internship, etc. for skilled mobility.

Additionally, NSDC International (NSDC-I) 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.

In line with the Budget announcement for the fiscal year 2023-24, MSDE has proposed establishment of 30 Skill India International Centres (SIICs) across various states. The selection of locations of SIIC is based on country and sector-wise migration patterns, the demand for overseas mobility in different regions and other feasibility parameters. The establishment of SIICs is an ongoing process. These centers will facilitate skilled mobility to the youth by providing destination-based skilling/re-skilling/up-skilling facility, assistance in placements, counselling, assessment/trade testing, emigration assistance and post placement support, etc.

Currently, two SIICs have been established, one in Varanasi and another at SDI, Bhubaneswar.

As a result of the efforts of MSDE, a total of 25,300 candidates have successfully gained employment abroad between April 2022 and December 2023. Country-wise details are at [Annexure](#).

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2428 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023**

Table I: Country-wise numbers of candidates who got job opportunities aboard:

S. no.	Name of the country	Number of candidates
1.	Australia	2
2.	Bahrain	935
3.	Croatia	4
4.	Japan	1196
5.	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	13944
6.	Kuwait	399
7.	Oman	1094
8.	Qatar	3646
9.	United Arab Emirates	2832
10.	United Kingdom	1248
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>25,300</b>

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