

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.646
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024**

PM-DAKSH YOJANA

646. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

SHRI GANESH SINGH:

DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana;

(b) the detailed insights into the manner in which this National Action Plan for skilling is designed to address the needs of marginalized individuals, encompassing Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes (EBCs), Denotified Tribes (DNTs) and sanitation workers including waste pickers; and

(c) whether there has been any change in the budget allocation for the PM-DAKSH and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)**

(a): The main objective of the scheme is to increase the skill levels of the target youth by providing for long term and short term skills, followed by engagement in wage/self-employment.

Apart from this, the skill levels of the artisans would be increased through Recognition of the Prior Learning (RPL) programmes. Under this, the upgradation would be of the skill/process/design so that the incomes will increase within their practicing vocations

A multi-pronged strategy to enhance the competency level of the target groups and make them employable both in self and wage-employment for their socio-economic development of the following sections of the target group:

- i. artisans may improve their revenue generation capacities within their practicing vocations,
- ii. women may enter into self-employment thereby financially empowering themselves without neglecting their domestic activities; and
- iii. Youth may acquire long-term training and specialization in employable vocations giving them better standing in the job market.

(b): The National Action Plan of the scheme has been approved considering that the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, caters for empowerment of the socially, educationally and economically marginalized sections of the society including SCs, OBCs, De-notified Tribes (DNTs), EBCs, Safai Karamcharis including Waste Pickers.

Most of the persons of target group are having minimal economic assets; therefore, provision of training and enhancing their competencies is essential for economic empowerment/ upliftment of these marginalized target groups.

Upskilling/RPL training would aid the beneficiaries in progressing ahead in their vocations, further the in case of sanitation workers the Upskilling is conducted to bring awareness about the safety precautions, mechanized cleaning and healthy sanitations practices.

For aiding accessibility of the envisaged skill development training, the enrolment process has been made online through PM-DAKSH portal giving perspective beneficiaries option to choose from available training programmes.

To ensure that the candidates do not face financial hardship the said trainings are free of cost to beneficiary and the candidates having minimum 80% attendance are given stipend post training @ Rs.1000/- to 1500/- p.m based on the target group via DBT to eligible beneficiaries.

(c): Under the PM-DAKSH Scheme, for the Financial Year 2023-24, the Budget Estimate of Rs.92.47 Crores has been enhanced to the Revised Estimate of Rs.120.00 Crores.
