

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1187
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2024**

PM-DAKSH YOJANA

1187 SMT. SMITA UDAY WAGH:

SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:

SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

SHRI B Y RAGHAVENDRA:

SHRI CHAVDA VINOD LAKHAMSHI:

SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL:

SMT. KAMALJEET SEHRAWAT:

SMT. SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

MS KANGNA RANAUT:

SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI:

DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

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

- (a) the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PMDAKSH) Yojana;
- (b) the details and extent to which the National Action Plan for skilling is designed to address the needs of marginalised individuals, encompassing SCs, OBCs, EBCs, DNTs, and sanitation workers, including waste pickers;
- (c) whether there has been any change in the budget allocation for the PM-DAKSH; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) & (b): PM-DAKSH Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme which was launched in 2020-21 with an objective to enhance competency level of the different target groups like Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), De-notified Tribes (DNTs), Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs), Safai Mitras including Waste Pickers etc. to make them employable both in self-employment and wage-employment for their socio-economic development. Most of the persons from the 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

Under this scheme, any OBC and EWS candidates whose annual family income is less than Rs. 3.00 lakh is eligible to get training whereas there is no income limit for the candidates belonging to SC/DNT/Safai Mitras including Waste Pickers.

(c) & (d): The scheme has been approved for an amount of Rs. 450 Cr. from the years 2021-22 to 2025-26. There has been no change in Budget Estimate of 2024-25, which was Rs. 130 Crore under PM-DAKSH Scheme.
