

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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UPSKILLING AND RE-SKILLING OF YOUTH

126. Shri Arvind Ganpat Sawant: Shri Sanjay Haribhau Jadhav:
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that some job roles might vanish while others may transform significantly due to change in technology;
- (b) if so, whether there is a need to upskill and reskill the workforce to meet the requirement;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to upskill and reskill the youths in the Country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a to d) The National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) which is the overarching regulator for skilling related activities, maintains a National Qualification Register comprising of skill courses approved by it. The register is regularly updated in the light of emerging needs of the industry due to technological changes. Simultaneously, the courses which become obsolete with the passage of time are also archived. This entire process of updation is driven by the needs of the industry, which is ensured through industry validation of new courses. Further, the qualifications are approved with a limited validity i.e generally three years, upon completion of which, based on the justification from the concerned Awarding Bodies and inclusion of the changes that have been necessitated either due to policy or technological evolution, the qualification are revised and re-approved.

As part of the regular updation of qualifications, 7819 qualification have been approved so far and 3577 qualifications have been archived.

Reskilling and Upskilling are important elements of Government's strategy to ensure that workers acquire necessary new skills which emerge due to technological changes. Individual competency based National Occupation Standards (NOS) have been developed allowing workers to upskill themselves through very short duration courses. Under PMKVY, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is an important component, which involves assessment and certification of prior learning (RPL) as well as offers opportunity for upskilling/ reskilling.
