

## **Regarding need to set up Skill Development Centre in every block of the country-Laid**

**SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI (BAPATLA):** India's population exceeds 140 crore which has potential to turn into either a demographic dividend or curse. The unemployment rate among the youth is 10.2% and it is a cause of concern because as per an IMF report, India has more than 83% employment in the unorganized sector on which data is difficult to classify or categorize. With a skill gap in the MSME sector, there should be adequate emphasis on bringing all unskilled youth into the gamut of skill development within a target year without leaving anyone behind. This should have been a priority at least twenty years back and in the absence of it, we stand a real threat of slipping into the 'middle-income trap'. If Viksit Bharat is to become a reality by 2047, 100% skilling of all the youth should be completed in at least one market-oriented skill/trade each by 2030. I strongly urge upon the Government to set up a skill development centre in every block with at least 10 courses in demand-oriented and market-driven skills.