

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNICAL TRAINING AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CRAFTSMEN

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any system exists in the Government for giving technical training and financial assistance to the craftsmen belonging to the weaker sections of the society to upgrade their skill for meeting the global standards of excellence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed by the Government to promote the interests of the craftsmen belonging to the weaker sections of the society in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b) DGE&T under the Ministry of Labour & Employment provides vocational training in 98 trades under the Craftsmen Training Scheme through 5114 Industrial Training Institutes/Centres (ITIs / ITCs) spread all over the country. These institutes are under the administrative and financial control of respective State Governments. The courses offered at these institutes provide necessary skills to school leavers including those belonging to weaker section of the society to make them employable. Seats are reserved for the candidates belonging to SC/ST in proportion to their population in the State and for OBC`s at par with the reservation policy for employment in respective States. 25% seats are also reserved for Women candidates in these ITI`s. There is a provision for paying stipend of Rs. 100 per month per trainee to all the trainees of Govt. run ITI`s.

(c) Does not arise.