

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING EDUCATION CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the labour force available in the country;
- (b) if so, the percentage of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour force in the country at present;
- (c) whether there is any shortage of skilled labour force in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of persons being trained through various schemes run by the Government to create skilled labourers in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to- start new short training modules for training the unskilled labour force; and
- g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

- a) Estimates of Employment & Unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organization(N.S.S.O). Last such survey was conducted during the year 2004-05 according to which, the total estimated labour force of the country, on usual status basis, was 469.94 million.
- b) According to 61st round of survey conducted by N.S.S.O during 2004-05 ,2 % of the persons were found skilled through formal sources and 8 % through informal sources in the age of 15-29 years.
- c)& d) Ministry of Labour & Employment has not carried out any specific survey of shortage of skilled professionals in the country. However, in the context of faster economic growth,there is always a need to equip professionals with necessary skills.
- e)The number of persons are being trained through various two major schemes Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) and Apprenticeship Training Scheme (ATS) run by the government to create skilled labourers in the country is given below:

Year	CTS seating capacity	ATS seating capacity
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2005-06	7.42 lakhs	2.30 lakhs
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2006-07	7.42 lakhs	2.40 lakhs
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2007-08	7.49 lakhs	2.58 lakhs
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f) & g) DGE&T under Ministry of Labour & Employment has operationalised Skill Development Initiative (SDI) scheme since last year for skill development of early school leavers and existing workers to improve their employability by optimally utilizing the infrastructure available in Government, Private Institutions and the Industry. Existing skills of the workers can also be tested and certified under the scheme. Testing/Assessment of the competencies is being done by the independent Assessing Bodies empanelled by DGET. 67,025 persons have been trained/ tested since inception of the scheme and 340 Modular Employable Skill courses have been developed.