

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT MISSION PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the objectives and salient features of the Prime Minister's Skill Development Mission Programme;
- (b) whether the scheme is fully funded by the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise;
- (d) whether the scheme is proposed to be extended to the entire country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which this scheme is likely to be extended?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- a) : The Coordinated Action on Skill Development includes the setting up of a three tier institutional structure consisting of
- (i) the Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development,
  - (ii) National Skill Development Coordination Board (NSDCB) and
  - (iii) National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development has been set up as an apex institution for policy advice, direction and review. The NSDCB is expected to enumerate strategies to implement the decisions of the Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development and develop appropriate operational guidelines and instructions for meeting the larger objectives of skill development. The NSDC has been incorporated as a non-profit company to promote skill development in private sector.
- (b) &(c) From the Mission, no funds are allocated. However, each Ministry/Department/State gets funds from the Planning Commission for their schemes to implement skill development programmes under their control. National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) has been incorporated as a Trust under the Indian Trust Act, 1882. An investment management agreement has been signed between the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), and National Skill Development Fund (NSDF). As per the agreement, NSDC will manage the funds to meet the objectives as set out in the agreement.
- (d) Prime Minister's Skill Development Mission Programme encompasses the entire country.
- (e) Skill Development is a continuous process and, therefore, there is no concluding schedule.