

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Skill Development Centres in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which such centres are likely to be set up alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINSTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. Government has proposed to set up 50,000 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) in the country. The Planning Commission has accorded 'in-principle' approval for starting of a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme under Ministry of Labour & Employment, by involving private partners and restricting Central Government participation to viability gap funding to set up 5000 SDCs @one SDC per Block.

(c): Steps for hiring Transaction Advisors to undertake project development activity have been initiated alongwith the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. In the current financial year 2009-10, a token provision of Rs. 5.95 crores has been made. Setting up of the SDCs is expected to commence from January 2010.