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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) The salient features, functions and objectives of National Council on Skill Development (NCSD) set up by the Government;
- (b) The funds allocated, released and utilised under NCSD since its inception, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) The target fixed and success achieved under the NCSD since its inception, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

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

- a) Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development has been set up in pursuance of the decision of the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15.5.2008 on "Co-ordinated Action for Skill Development". Hon'ble Prime Minister is the Chairperson and there are 18 members including some Cabinet Ministers, representatives of trade & industry and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Chairperson, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council and Chairman, National Skill Development Corporation. The functions of the Council are given in annex-1.
- b) Since allocation of finance is not a function assigned to the Council; it neither allocates nor releases funds.
- c) Two meetings of the Council have been held so far on 3.11.2008 & 12.10.2009. In these meetings, among others following decisions were taken
 - (i) finalization of core governance principles
 - (ii) remodeling of apprenticeship training
 - (iii) re-structuring of employment exchanges
 - (iv) introduction of functional English in vocational courses. These were circulated to the concerned Government & other agencies dealing with Skill Development for implementation.