

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has developed a new strategic framework for skill development of early school leavers and existing workers in close consultation with Industry, State Governments and experts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Skill Development Initiative Scheme was operationalised from May 2007;
- (d) if so, the details and salient features thereof along- with the target fixed and the success achieved since its inception, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Directorate General of Employment & Training (DGE&T) under the Ministry of Labour & Employment has operationalised Skill Development Initiative (SDI) Scheme from May 2007 with an objective to provide training and employment to school leavers, existing workers especially in informal sector to improve their employability. Existing skills of the persons can also be tested and certified under the scheme. One million persons would be trained or their existing skills tested and certified, over a period of five years and a million every year thereafter. Training under the scheme is envisaged to be provided by the various Vocational Training providers (VTPs). Testing/ assessment of the competencies are being done by the independent assessing bodies empanelled by DGE&T.

(c): Skill Development Initiative has been operationalised from May, 2007.

(d): Salient Features of the scheme are as;

- # Demand Driven short term training courses based on Modular Employable Skills (MES) decided in consultation with industry. MES is the minimum skills set which is sufficient for gainful employment.
- # Central Government facilitates and promotes training while industry, private sector and State Governments train the persons.
- # Optimum utilization of existing infrastructure to make training cost effective.
- # Flexible delivery mechanism (part- time, weekends, full time, on site / offsite) to suit needs of the various target groups.
- # Different levels of programmes (foundation level as well as skill up gradation) to meet demands of various target groups.
- # The services of existing or retired faculty or guest faculty to be utilized.
- # Courses are also available for persons having completed 5th Standard.
- # Testing and Certification of skills acquired informally.
- # Testing of skills of trainees by independent assessing bodies, which are not involved in training delivery, to ensure that it is done impartially.
- # The essence of the scheme is in the certification that is nationally and internationally recognized.

The details of the target fixed and the progress year-wise since inception is hereunder as;

Item	Financial Year	Target	Achievement
Number of persons trained/ tested	2007-08	10,000	22,528
	2008-09	50,000	1,15,306
	2009-10	1,20,000	5,75,489
	2010-11	3,00,000	1,95,163 (as on 27-07-10)

The number of persons trained/ tested State-wise and Year-wise since inception is enclosed at Annex.I