

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPECIAL FUND FOR SKILL UPGRADATION AND TRAINING
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has created a special fund for skill upgradation and training;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is systematic planning or special strategy to achieve the target of having 500 million skilled workers in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES(DR ASHWINI KUMAR)

(a): No, Madam

(b): Does not arise

(c) & (d) : Yes, Madam. A Coordinated Action on Skill Development consisting of a three tier structure viz. the Prime Minister's Council on Skill Development for policy directives supported by the National Skill Development Coordination Board (NSDB) and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), has been initiated to address the need for creation of 500 million skilled workers by 2022. The National Skill Development Policy 2009 lays out the key aspects of the strategy to provide skill to the target population. To implement the policy directions on the skill development and to achieve the national agenda of skill upgradation and training, State Skill Development Missions have been set up at the State level. In addition, a National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) has been created under the aegis of Ministry of Finance and the NSDC has been empowered to utilize and manage the funds from NSDF with a view to ensure public private partnership in financing and implementing the skill development and training initiatives of the government.