

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:112  
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2011  
NATIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT MISSION  
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Skills Development Mission has been launched ;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether development of traditional skills and knowledge is one of the components of this Mission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether new training centres/educational institutions are proposed to be opened to provide formal degrees/certificates to the traditional artisans and craftsmen ; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT(SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (f) a statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a to f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 112 BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI REGARDING NATIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT MISSION DUE FOR REPLY ON 08.08.2011

(a) Yes, Madam. Government has set up a "National Skills Development Mission" to bring about a paradigm shift in skill development efforts.

(b) The Mission encompasses and converges the efforts of several line ministries of the Central Government, State Governments and the activities in the private sector supported by the following three institutions:

(i)The Prime Minister's National Council on Skills Development under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister, to review the spectrum of skill development efforts for policy direction;

(ii) "National Skills Development Coordination Board" under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Dy. Chairman Planning Commission to enumerate strategies to implement the decisions of PM's council; and

(iii) "National Skills Development Corporation" (NSDC), a non-profit company under the Companies Act, 1956, of which 49% of equity base is contributed by the Central Government while 51% by the private sector. The corporation is expected to enhance, support and coordinate private sector initiatives for skill development through appropriate Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models and to meet the skill training requirements of the labour market including that of unorganized sector.

As part of Mission, Government has also approved National Policy on Skills Development (NPSD), a guiding document for skill development efforts in the country.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The National Policy on Skills Development also addresses the issues of Skill Development for the unorganised sector including development of traditional skills and knowledge. The target group includes, amongst others, traditional artisans and craftsmen.

A new Scheme, titled Skills Development Initiative has been launched under which many traditional skills are being imparted through training institutions in public and private sector.

(e) & (f) 5000 Skills Development Centres are proposed to be set up in order to impart training in traditional as well as modern skills. Arrangements have been made for testing and certification of skills acquired through informal and traditional methods. After assessment by independent assessing bodies, National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) certificates are provided to them to ensure their mobility throughout the country as well as abroad.

