

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SALIENT FEATURES OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT MISSION

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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the salient features of the National Skill Development Mission;
- (b) whether development of traditional skill and knowledge is one of the components of this mission;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether new training centres/education institutes are proposed to be opened to provide formal degrees/certificates to the traditional artisans and craftsman under the mission scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the proposals received from the various States including Uttar Pradesh for establishment of skill development mission and national vocational qualification framework alongwith the decision taken on those proposals?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Government had approved a "Coordinated Action for Skill Development" in 2008 under which a three-tier structure consisting of Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development, National Skill Development Coordination Board and National Skill Development Corporation has been set up. The Government has also formulated the National Policy on Skill Development, a guiding document for implementation of various skill development programmes. Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development lays down overall broad policy objectives, strategies and governance models to promote skill development while ensuring that the inclusivity concerns are not lost sight of. The skill development policies are expected to deal effectively, inter alia, with traditional home-based occupations also. National Skill Development Coordination Board coordinates the skill development activities for Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments. National Skill Development Corporation is a not-for-profit company under the Ministry of Finance to promote skill development activities, inter alia, in the unorganized sector.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Labour and Employment has launched "Skill Development Initiatives" Scheme for skill development of early school leavers and existing workers including traditional artisans and craftsmen. Under this Scheme, training is provided in demand-driven short term courses which are based on Modular Employable Skills, to improve their employability by optimally utilizing the infrastructure available in Government, private institutions and the Industry. Existing skills of the persons can also be tested and certified under this scheme. So far 1386 courses in 60 sectors including sectors like Carpet Making, Gem and Jewellery, Khadi, Toy Making, Brassware and Glassware are covered under the scheme. The most important aspect of this Scheme is flexibility in conducting training programme and assessment by independent assessing body and certification by National Council for Vocational Training, Ministry of Labour & Employment. The training cost for the successful candidates is fully borne by the Central Government.

(f): All the State Governments were asked to set up state level Missions for skill development to provide inter-sectoral coordination to meet the challenge of skill development which is facilitated by the Planning Commission. Various States including the state of Uttar Pradesh have established State Skill Development Missions. National Policy on Skill Development has mandated National Council for Vocational Training for setting up of National Vocational Qualification Framework.