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SKILL DEVELOPMENT TO RESERVED CATEGORIES

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

(a) whether the Government has any programme for developing the skills of SC/ST students and unemployed youths in order to facilitate their admission in the fields of higher research and institutes of National importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether any programmes are being started by the Government in order to increase the number of SC/ST candidates in such institutes, where their representation does not exist or they have minimum representation?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a)to(c): Ministry of Labour & Employment through Directorate General of Employment & Training (DGE&T) is implementing following three major Skill Development Schemes in the Country:

1. Craftsmen Training Scheme Implemented through 9447 Government and Private Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).
2. Apprenticeship Training Scheme implemented through 26,200 establishments.
3. Skill Development Initiatives (Modular Employable Skills) implemented through 6891 Vocational Training Providers (VTPs).

The Major objective of these schemes is to develop appropriate skills of students and unemployed youth including SC/ST to enhance their employability for their decent employment. Vocational Training being concurrent subject, these schemes are implemented jointly with respective departments of State Governments.

18 Tribal Research Institutes have been set up by the respective State/UT Governments in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Rajasthan, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

University Grants Commission (UGC) is running a scheme namely, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST Students (with financial assistance from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs) whereby selected SC/ST candidates are provided financial assistance for pursuing M. Phil/Ph.D in Universities / Institutes / Colleges including Institutes of national importance. The State wise data relating to selections made under this scheme is placed at Annex.

UGC has constituted two committees for reviewing these schemes for SC/ST and suggesting measures for their enhanced participation in Higher Education. The basic purpose of this exercise is to further strengthen the exiting schemes as also to suggest new initiatives during the 12th Plan period in terms of their design and delivery mechanisms.