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SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WITH EU

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

- (a) the details of various Vocational Training Programmes being undertaken under the National Skill Development Programme (NSDP) in the country including West Bengal along with the number of students being trained during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether India and the European Union (EU) have agreed to launch a project on skill development;
- (c) if so, the aims and objectives of the said project;
- (d) whether the Government has also identified the sectors and States in which this project will be launched;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the number of persons likely to be benefited annually under the said project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

(a) National Policy on Skill Development has set a target to train 500 million persons by year 2022, out of which target of Ministry of Labour & Employment is 100 million. The Ministry has proposed to achieve this target by following three flagship schemes implemented by Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGE&T), in the country including the state of West Bengal:

- i. Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS)
- ii. Apprenticeship Training Scheme (ATS) under the Apprentices Act, 1961
- iii. Skill Development Initiative

The details of the schemes are given at Annex – I

(b & c) India and European Union have launched "India-EU Skills Development Project" in February, 2012 to assist implementation of National policy on Skill Development. The aims and objectives of the above project are:

- (i) To increase the capacity of the Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGE&T) and other related institutions to efficiently implement the policy agenda in the area of skills development.
- (ii) To contribute towards substantial progress in the development and maintenance of a National Vocational Qualifications Framework for India.
- (iii) To enhance Labour Market Information system and analysis practices at the national level and at the level of state on a pilot basis.

(d & e) The Government has identified the Automotive sector as the first pilot for the project. In the first year, a cluster made up of three neighbouring states, namely, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have been selected for launch of the project.

(f) The project is helping in systemic improvement of Vocational Training and Skill Development System of the country. Therefore, all the persons trained under various vocational training and skill development programmes will get benefit of this project.