

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF SKILLS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workforce in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the number of unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workforce in the country at present, State-wise;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the sectors identified for their employment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. In the latest survey of National Sample Survey Organization, information was collected about the skill profile of the youth only (15-29 years) as to whether they had or were undergoing any formal or non-formal training. Estimated number of persons in the age-group of 15-29 who received/were receiving vocational training during 2004-05 and profile of labour force as per principal activity status is given at Annexure-I.

(b) Yes. For development of skills for unskilled workforce, the Central Government launched a Scheme under the name "Skill Development Initiative based on Modular Employable Skills" in the country in addition to imparting training through the network of Industrial Training Institutes/Centres in the country.

(c) Skill Development Initiative (SDI) scheme has been operationalized from May 2007 in informal sector to improve their employability. Testing / assessment of the competencies are being done by the independent assessing bodies empanelled by DGE&T. Training under the SDI scheme is envisaged to be provided by various Vocational Training Providers (VTPs). 4143 VTPs have been registered across the country and 1,91,355 persons have been trained/ tested so far. 446 demand driven short term course modules in 40 sectors (Annexure-II) have been developed in close consultation with industry. Successful persons are awarded certificates issued by NCVT which is nationally and internationally recognized.