

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to formulate a National qualification framework for a common certification mechanism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number and details of sectors to be considered under the said qualification framework;
- (c) the number of vocational training centres set up in various parts of the country along with the funds allocated and utilised during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to set up such training centres in every Blocks/Gram Panchayats in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether there is any specific programme for agriculture based vocational training in the country;
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (h) the various measures taken by the Government to impart and improve trade skills among the youths in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a & b) A National Skills Qualification Framework is proposed to be put in place which may cover various sectors of economy.
- (c), (d) & (e) No Vocational Training Centres under Ministry of Labour and Employment have been set up. However, there is a proposal to set up 1500 ITIs and 5000 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) in the country in Public Private Partnership. These ITIs are proposed to be set up in un-serviced blocks of the country.
- (f) & (g) These ITIs and SDCs are proposed to run demand driven courses, including those in agriculture sector.
- (h) Measures taken by the Government to impart and improve trade skills among the youths in the country are as follows:
  - # Modernization & upgradation of all Government ITIs with active participation of an industry Partner as Chairman of Institute Management Committee (IMC).
  - # Setting up of Centres of Excellence (CoE) in ITIs and running demand driven trades.
  - # Employability Skills have been introduced from the August, 2012 session in all the ITIs affiliated to NCVT.
  - # Skill development Initiative scheme has been running since 2007-08 which is based on modular employable skills and training large number of youth to meet skill requirement of the industry.