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SKILL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of programmes and activities undertaken so far by the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA);
- (b) the targets set and achievements made in skill development since its inception;
- (c) the details of the shortfall in achievements, if any, along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures being undertaken to achieve the targets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The NSDA is an autonomous body, with functions, inter-alia, including, taking all possible steps to meet skilling targets as envisaged in the 12th Five Year Plan and beyond and coordinating and harmonizing the approach to skill development in the country. The Agency has undertaken a number of activities, inter-alia, including facilitating the operationalisation of National Skills Qualification Framework; setting up of a committee for rationalisation of Central Government Schemes on skill development; commencing work on creating and maintaining a national database relating to skill development including development of a dynamic labour market informational system and creating online education resources. NSDA is also engaging with States Skill Development Missions for enabling them to converge efforts across State Ministries and advising them to develop their plans for increasing vocational training capacity in the State.

(b) to (d) : NSDA is an agency that is mandated to coordinate the skilling effort of the Government of India (GOI). It is not mandated to skill a targeted number of people.

However, NSDA has informed that a target of skilling 73.42 lakh persons was set for the year 2013-14 by GOI Ministries and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and 49.16 lakh persons have been skilled till December, 2013.