

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
LOK SABHA**

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ACCESS TO SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

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**Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide equal access to skill development for all social groups particularly women and weaker/disadvantaged sections of the society, category-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the progress made by the panchayats, municipalities and other local bodies for the expansion of public training institutions particularly in rural sector, State-wise under the skill development schemes;
- (d) whether State/District Skill Development Co- ordination Boards will be set up to monitor the progress; and
- (e) if so, whether the elected representatives will also be included in this Board for better implementation of the scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
(SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a)&(b) : The Government of India requires implementing agencies for skill development schemes to ensure participation of disadvantaged social groups particularly women and weaker sections of the society. The Ministry of Rural Development is undertaking a Placement Linked Skill Development scheme for rural poor youth called Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY). This scheme provides for social inclusion through mandatory coverage of 50% for Scheduled caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates and 15% for Minority candidates at national level. DDU-GKY also provides for a mandatory coverage of 33% women candidates in all the projects.
- (c) : DDU-GKY provides that the Gram Panchayat shall have a key role in generating awareness about the program, facilitate mobilization of candidates, assist in job melas and in tracking candidate placements. However, data on the number of Gram panchayats involved in the DDU-GKY is not maintained centrally.
- (d) : There is no proposal to set up State/District Skill Development Coordination Boards under DDU-GKY.
- (e): Does not arise in view of reply to (d) above