

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

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether according to some studies very less percentage of Indian students undergo vocational training, compared to East Asian countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess this claim;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to change the perception about vocational training among young persons to increase the enrollment and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the current education system lacks vocational training and effective on-the-job apprenticeship exposure;
- (e) if so, whether the Government feels that the same leads to young job seekers getting either unemployed, underemployed, seeking employment or between jobs, or coping with insecure work arrangements; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to address this issue?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) The Government has not conducted any comparative study pertaining to India vis-à-vis other East Asian countries. However, as per 11th Five Year Plan, 2% of existing workforce had formal skill training in India as against 96% in Korea, 75% in Germany, 80% in Japan, and 68% in the United Kingdom. Further, in pursuance of 11th Five Year Plan objectives, "Coordinated Action on Skill Development" with three-tier institutional structure consisting of

(i) PM's National Council,

(ii) National Skill Development Coordination Board (NSDCB),

(iii) National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) was set up. Besides, NSDC launched "Hunar Hai to Kadar Hai" campaign to generate awareness about skills and motivate Indian youth to acquire and upgrade skills. The Government has in the current fiscal set up new Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship to coordinate all aspects of Skill Development through various interventions to bridge the demand-supply gap in skilled workforce. To encourage apprenticeship and on-the-job training, the Government has launched Apprenticeship Protsahan Yojna. Further, the recent amendment to the Apprenticeship Act, 1961 have made the legal framework friendly to both industry and employable youth.