

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

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

- (a) the details of courses of skill development available in different Government institutions and private sector and the number of students benefited there from during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for skill development in agriculture and allied works, traditional and cottage industries and women friendly employment;
- (c) whether specific focus of these schemes is at SCs, STs and other weaker sections people living in backward areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): There are over 20 Central Ministries/Departments engaged in skill development activities with over 70 schemes/programmes. These skilling schemes/programmes take care of the skilling needs of the disadvantaged and marginalized groups like SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities, women and differently-abled persons so as to bridge the social, regional, gender and economic divide. The sectoral needs of various sectors like Agriculture and allied works, traditional and cottage industries are taken care under specific skill development schemes in these sectors implemented by the nodal ministries. Further, the NSDC has set up various Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) including the Agriculture, which are employer led organisation to review the skill gap in their respective sectors and take steps for aligning skill developments with employer requirements in the sectors. As per information available with National Skill Development Agency, the number of persons trained under these schemes/programmes is given below:

Financial Year Persons skilled (in lakh)

2011-12	45.58
2012-13	51.88
2013-14	76.37
2014-15	42.77
(upto Dec 2014)	