

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved a programme to make youth employable through certification courses with bench-mark of international standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to be accrued therefrom;
- (c) whether this certification programme has already been started;
- (d) if so, the details of the number of rural youth enrolled therein till date, State-wise; and
- (e) if not, the time by which this certification programme is going to be started?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): There are over 20 Central Ministries/Departments involved in implementation of more than 70 schemes for various skill development/entrepreneurship programmes. Most of these schemes are targeted towards the youth and have provision for third party assessment and certification. As per information available with National Skill Development Agency, around 76.37 lakh persons were trained during 2013-14 under these programmes/schemes. Moreover, the Government had launched in 2013 a scheme namely 'National Skill Certification and Reward Scheme' better known by its acronym 'STAR' for 'Standard Training Assessment and Reward'. The Scheme aimed to encourage standardization in the certification process and provide monetary awards for Skill Certification to boost employability and productivity of youth. The scheme was in operation from 16 August 2013 until 14 September 2014 and imparted skill/ training to about 14 lakh persons.