

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

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

- (a) the salient features of the policy for setting up of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Centres (SDEC) in various parts of the country and the details and number of SDCs operational/proposed to be opened in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Railways has allotted/provided land/space for setting up of SDCs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise along with the terms and conditions of such allotment particularly rent or cost of land;
- (d) whether the Government has planned separate SDCs or made a provision within proposed SDCs for youth with disabilities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Directorate General of Employment & Training (DGE&T) functioning under Ministry of Labour & Employment, has implemented a scheme titled "Skill Development in 34 Districts Affected by Left Wing Extremism" to establish 34 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and 68 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) in 34 Left Wing Extremism Affected Districts in 9 States. The States-wise details and fund released for the purpose are given below:

S. N. State No. of Distt. Name of districts covered

1	Telangana	1	Khamam
2	Bihar	6	Jamui, Gaya, Aurangabad, Rohtas, Jehanabad, Arwal
3	Chhattisgarh	7	Dantewada, Bastar, Kanker, Surguja, Rajnandgaon, Bijapur, Narayanpur
4	Jharkhand	10	Chatra, West Singhbhum, Palamau, Garhwa, East Singhbhum, Bokaro, Lohardaga, Gumla, Latehar, Hazaribagh
5	Madhya Pradesh	1	Balaghat
6	Maharashtra	2	Gadchiroli K, Gondia
7	Orissa	5	Gajapati, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Deogarh, Sambalpur
8	Uttar Pradesh	1	Sonebhadra
9	West Bengal	1	Paschim Midnapur (Lalgarh Area)
	Total	34	#

In each of 34 districts, 1 ITI and 2 SDCs will be established.

(b) & (c) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has initiated a joint initiative with the Ministry of Railways to harness the large railway network and infrastructure for skill development in remote regions of the country. The railways have the capacity to provide ready infrastructure such as land, building, electricity and in certain places, optical fibre bandwidth. At present, only 5%-10% of the optical fibre bandwidth of the Indian Railways is being used. Hence, a majority of the requirements for imparting training in sectors like information technology will be fulfilled through this engagement.

Existing facilities consist of 290 training centres being used by the Railways currently for the purpose of their in-house training activities. These could be harnessed as training centres for conducting external training as well, while additional 200-300 railways stations could be identified for the same purpose. This would result in a pilot programme of 500 training centres at railways stations which could be scaled up to create an overall scheme aimed at targeting a vast majority of the population in remote regions of the country for skilling and up-skilling activities.

(d) & (e) The Government endeavours to ensure that the skilling needs of the disadvantaged and marginalized groups including differently-abled persons are taken care of through various skill development programmes. There are over 20 Central Ministries/Departments involved in implementation of more than 70 schemes for various skill development/ entrepreneurship programmes. These Schemes have provisions for equal access to skill development for all social groups including people with

disabilities. Under the scheme of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) opportunities for the differently abled persons in the field of education and employment are provided. The major components of the scheme are:-

(i) Vocational Training Centres,

(ii) Sheltered Workshop,

(iii) Special Schools and

(iv) Project for Pre-School and Early Intervention and Training. In addition, National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation, a Public Sector Undertaking under Department of Disability Affairs, provides financial assistance for wide range of income generating activities for the persons with disabilities.