

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

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DEMAND FOR SKILLED MANPOWER  
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**Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a great demand for skilled manpower in various sectors including Hospitality and tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether effective measures are being taken by the Government to meet the growing demand of skilled manpower of these Sectors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the focus of skill development has remained on specific sectors such as information technology when the other sectors like construction are likely to create more jobs; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard and to realign vocational training to the needs of casual labourers from rural areas?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has got a skill gap study conducted in 2009 to assess the skill gap in various sectors including Tourism, Travel and Hospitality across the country. As per the NSDC's study report, around 6.96 million were employed in 2013 in Tourism, Travel and Hospitality sector which is expected to increase to 9.68 million by 2017 and 13.44 million by 2022.

The effort of Government is to align skill development initiatives with the skill gap findings. Further, Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) have been constituted for various sectors to bring in industry participation in the skilling process. Till 28th February, 2015, total 64,638 people have been trained in Tourism and Hospitality through 21 Training Partners of NSDC.

(e) & (f) The skill gap studies indicate a significant skill gap in Construction Sector. A Sector Skill Council (SSC) has been constituted specifically for Construction Sector to promote skilling in this sector. At present, there are 17 Training Partners, conducting trainings in Building and Construction Sector. Due to the unorganized nature of this sector, the training and certification momentum is picking up slowly. Till 28th February, 2015, 1,27,685 people have been trained in Building and Construction Sector by NSDC's Training Partners.