

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4253

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AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ACT

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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to amend Apprenticeship Act and expand it to include private sector as well for better skilled trainees, technicians and for their employment also;
- (b) If so, the details and salient features of the proposed amendments;
- (c) whether the Government has reached any agreement with private organisations in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the objectives and target set; and
- (d) the initiatives taken by the Government to promote apprenticeship in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Apprentices Act, 1961 has been amended and brought into effect from 22.12.2014 to provide necessary flexibility with safeguards, and facilitate wider participation of youth & the industry.
- (c): The Apprentices Act, 1961 is applicable to all the establishments covered under the Act.
- (d): The Government has taken various initiatives to promote apprenticeship in the country such as national awareness campaign, rationalizing the training modules of designated trades, permeability in higher education, portal based approval.