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SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the time since when the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) is functional along with its role and responsibilities in the country's economy;
- (b) whether any target has been set in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and physical and financial achievement made during each of the last three years, Ministry-wise;
- (d) the target set for the future along with the steps taken or proposed to be taken thereon; and
- (e) the details of location benefited by the same, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) The National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) was notified on 6 June 2013 and has been functional ever since.

The NSDA is an autonomous body, with functions which inter alia include taking all possible steps to meet skilling targets as envisaged in the 12th Five Year Plan and beyond; coordinating and harmonizing the approach to skill development in the country; anchoring and operationalizing the National Skills Qualification Framework to ensure that quality and standards meet sector specific requirements; being the nodal agency for State Skill Development Missions; evaluating existing skill development schemes with a view to assessing their efficacy and suggesting corrective action to make them more effective; creating and maintaining a national database relating to skill development including development of a dynamic labour market information system; and ensuring that the skilling needs of the disadvantaged and the marginalized groups like SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities, women and differently abled persons are taken care of.

- b) to e) NSDA is an agency that is mandated to coordinate the skilling effort of the Government of India. It is not mandated to skill a targeted number of people. However, as per details provided by NSDA, the Ministry-wise physical achievements made during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are given in Annexure.