

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

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR WIDOWS  
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**Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of widows who got the advantages of skill development programme during the last two years; and
- (b) the number of branches of the skill development programme started?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) There are a number of skill development schemes across various sectors being implemented by Central Ministries/Departments. The data on the widows covered under these skill development programme is not maintained centrally. However, most of these schemes have special provisions to promote the participation in skill development programmes by all socio-economic groups, including women. 30% of all the seats for the courses in all Government and Private ITIs are reserved for women candidates which includes widows as well.