

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the skill council to promote skill development among artists, crafts persons and workers with latest techniques;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria laid down to identify the beneficiaries;
- (c) whether the Government has also planned to operationalise the skill councils at district level through State Governments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the allocations proposed by the Government for this purpose during the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Handicrafts & Carpet Sector Skill Council (HCSSC) has been formed to promote skill development among artisans, craft persons and workers at grass root levels. This would enable them to adopt latest techniques and become more productive. SSCs are Industry-led bodies which are responsible for the defining the skilling needs, concept, processes, certifications and accreditation of their respective Industry sectors in accordance with National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF). HCSSC shall be responsible for meeting the human resource requirement in terms of shop floor workers and professionals for the entire value chain of the handicraft and carpet industry. There are 33 SSCs in India in almost all major areas including agriculture, life science etc. SSCs which have designed as many as 1,034 Qualification Packs (QPs) and 3,464 National Occupational Standards (NOS) are operating throughout India.