

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
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CSR Funds for Skill Development Initiatives

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

(a) whether to promote skill development initiatives and activities, the Government has urged the Indian Companies to contribute from CSR funds for the purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of MoUs signed for the purpose along with the amount of contribution agreed by various such companies for skill development activities and the number of persons likely to be benefitted as a result thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether these companies have agreed to provide professional environment in their organization to the trainees and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to leverage CSR funds to provide industry linked skill training across different sectors and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

(a) The Government has been engaged with Public Sector Undertakings, Corporate and Industry for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding for Skill Development efforts/initiatives. The steps taken by the Government for CSR funding for skill development are as under:

• National Skill Development Fund is a Government Trust set up by the Government of India for raising funds both from Government and Non-Government sectors for skill development in the country. The Fund is contributed by various Government sources, and other donors/ contributors to enhance, stimulate and develop the skills of Indian youth by various sector specific programs.

• Vide Notification dated 27.2.2014, Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013 has been amended to inter alia include "promoting education, including special education and employment enhancing vocation skills especially among children, women, elderly, and the differently abled and livelihood enhancement projects" for the purpose of CSR.

• The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has reached out to PSUs/ Companies under various Ministries for CSR Funds for Skill Development and signed several tripartite Memorandum of Understandings for skill training projects to be implemented by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and funded by PSUs.

• National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the Ministry has also signed bilateral agreement with companies for funding skill development projects.

• An application has been moved for grant of 80G certificate to National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) under Income Tax Act for income tax benefits to contributors to the Fund.

• In addition to contribution, corporates/industry are also being involved in skill development as leaders and training providers.

(b) Details of MoUs signed by the Ministry are given at Annexure.

(c) The skill training projects under the MoUs are implemented by NSDC through its training partners by skilling the candidates.

(d) With the MoUs signed, MSDE is already leveraging CSR Funds to provide industry linked skill training across sectors.

Annexure

Details of MoUs signed

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Funding

Entity Number of candidates Number of locations Number of states Objective Project Cost

(in Cr)

Tripartite MoUs between NSDF, NSDC and PSUs

POWERGRID 5,000 33 24 states To provide skill training to 5000 Indian youths and women across 33 locations through NDSC approved training providers, with required trades in each location identified through Baseline Study 6.52

NTPC-I 5,000 22 12 states To provide skill training to 5000 Indian youths and women across 22 locations through NDSC approved training providers, with required trades in each location identified through Baseline Study 6.50

NTPC-II 25,000 - Bihar To train 25000 candidates across under-served locations 30.00

Coal India Ltd 2,70,000 To be

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decided 1. Recognition of Prior Learning for unskilled and semi-skilled workers- 100000

2. Skill training and certification for contract workers-70000

3. Fresh Skilling for youth and women in the operational areas-70000

4. National Vocational Educational Qualification Framework (NVEQF) in Schools-30000 To be decided

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