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National Skill Development Policy

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

- (a) the details of new targets set up by new skill development policy;
- (b) whether one of the objectives of the Draft National Skill Development Policy is to make skill development inspirational for the youth of India and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the effect of promoting skill development on the higher education landscape of India and if so, the details thereof and the practical measures being taken/planned by the Government to achieve this objective;
- (d) the details of the plan to use post offices as counselling centres for promoting skill training as a career choice; and
- (e) the details of other schemes/ programmes being planned to increase the inspirational value of skill training among youth?

Answer

(a) to (e) The National policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015 has been unveiled on 15th July, 2015. It is estimated that out of 487 million workforce, 4.69% possess formal vocational education. In addition to the challenges of re-skilling, up-skilling and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for existing workforce, there is a need to provide skilling opportunities for approximately 104.6 million people who are expected to enter the workforce between 2015 to 2022. The National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015 provides a roadmap to meet the aforesaid challenge by skilling at scale and speed with standards across the Country.

The policy lays down emphasis on increasing the aspirational value of skill training through a sustained National Campaign, promotion of National Skill Universities in States, establishment of linkages between vocational and formal education, institution of National Skill Awards and promotion of certified skilled workers in industry.