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SKILL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the existing skill development schemes/efforts have been evaluated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and findings therefrom along with action taken or proposed to be taken on each such case, sector-wise since inception; and
- (c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to ensure quality standards to meet sector specific requirements level?

Answer

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

a) Yes, Madam.

b) One of the functions of National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) is to evaluate existing skill development schemes with a view to assessing their efficacy and suggest corrective action to make them more effective.

NSDA in, a technical collaboration with the World Bank, has been undertaking an evaluation study, which is currently underway, of five large-scale skill development programmes in five States representative of the range of economic developmental contexts across India. The study states include Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan. The following national schemes/Programmes are being evaluated through this collaboration:

Skill Development Initiative Scheme (SDIS) of the Ministry of Labour and Employment;

Aajeevika Skills Scheme of the Ministry of Rural Development;

Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI) of the Ministry of Rural Development;

Skill Training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP) component of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; and

Skill Trainings through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) funded partners

c) In pursuance of the decision of the Cabinet Committee on Skill Development in its meeting held on 19th December, 2013, the National Skill Qualification Framework, a quality assurance framework, has been notified on 27th December 2013 under NSDA, which provides a tool for quality assurance of the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) system in the country.