

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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New Policy on Skill Development
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced a new National Policy on Skill Development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the above policy;
- (c) whether there is a shortage of skilled labour in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(a) & (b) The Government has notified the National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015 on 15th July, 2015. The vision of the policy is to create an ecosystem of empowerment by skilling on a large scale at speed with high standards and to promote a culture of innovation-based entrepreneurship which can generate wealth and employment so as to ensure sustainable livelihoods for all citizens. Equity is also a focus of the Policy, which targets skilling opportunities for socially/ geographically marginalised and disadvantaged groups. The policy seeks to bridge existing skill gaps, promoting industry engagement, operationalising a quality assurance framework, leverage technology and promoting greater opportunities for apprenticeship training.

(c) & (d) The National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015 projects Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), reskilling and upskilling of 298.25 million existing workforce and skilling of 104.62 million new entrants over 2015-2022.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in 2015-16 which targets to train 14 lakh persons and certificate 10 lakh persons under Recognition of Prior Learning. Under PMKVY, funds are not released to State Governments rather a monetary reward is directly credited to bank account of trainees on their successful assessment and certification. As on 17/02/2016, 11.55 lakh persons have been enrolled and 8.02 lakh persons have successfully completed training under PMKVY throughout India.