

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

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Trained and Certified Workforce

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

- (a) whether a majority of people going abroad are neither skilled for the job they are taking up nor familiar with the laws and language of the country they are emigrating to and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Skill Development and the Ministry of External Affairs propose to collaborate on training and certifying job seekers intending to emigrate; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which this will be put into practice?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The importance of providing skill training and pre-departure orientation programmes, for Indians who seek to work overseas has been recognised by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). To understand the scale of the above challenge, MSDE through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) commissioned a study on overseas employment opportunities for Indians, which identifies the key sectors offering opportunities for overseas employment and the challenges faced by overseas Indians. The draft report highlighted some of the important skill gaps of Indians seeking jobs overseas and recommended providing customised pre-departure orientation programmes, to equip Indians with the technical and soft skills needed when employed abroad.

To overcome the above challenge, MSDE in collaboration with Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (now under Ministry of External Affairs) has developed a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), wherein the two Ministries would collaborate to provide pre-departure orientation for Indians seeking overseas employment through a scheme known as 'Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana'. In addition, MSDE is promoting through NSDC, open customised skill training centres with a focus on overseas employment.
