

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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APPRENTICE PROTSAHAN YOJANA
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Apprentice Protsahan Yojana (APY) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the manner and the extent to which the APY is likely to benefit the MSMEs in manufacturing sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, a new Scheme 'Apprentice Protsahan Yojana' has been started on 16.10.2014 to share 50% of prescribed stipend to the apprentices by Government of India for the first two years of training engaged by eligible establishments particularly in manufacturing sector and other establishments covered under the Apprentices Act, 1961.

This Scheme covers all categories of apprentices except the Graduate, Technician and Technician (Vocational) apprentices which are covered by scheme administered by Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Regional Directorates of Apprenticeship Training under the control of Directorate General of Employment & Training will act as implementing agencies in their region.

(c): After launching of this Scheme, the MSMEs establishments are able to engage apprentices and it also enables them to get skilled manpower for their needs.