

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2843

ANSWERED ON:10.12.2014

SKILLED WORKERS

Gandhi Shri Dilip Kumar Mansukhlal;Kataria Shri Rattan Lal;Kher Smt. Kirron;Mahadik Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao;Patel Shri Devji Mansingram;Patil Shri Vijaysinh Mohite;Satav Shri Rajeev Shankarrao;Shetti Shri Raju alias Devappa Anna;Sule Smt. Supriya Sadanand

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of skilled workers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the target fixed by the Government, if any, in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to put a minimum percentage of certified skill work force in the tendering process of every manpower intensive projects and increase the minimum percentage every year and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is need to relook and realign the minimum wages to the levels defined in the national skill qualification framework; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken by the Government for the development of skilled labour in the country ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The National Skill Development Policy (2009) recognises the challenge faced by India of skilling & up-skilling 500 million people by 2022. The year wise target and achievement of skill development during the last three years and the current year by various Ministries/Departments is given below-

(c): A proposal as such is not at present under consideration of the Government.

(d) & (e): Yes Madam. During interactions with various states, NSDA has been highlighting this issue and urging the states to ensure sufficient differential between unskilled and skilled labor. The Government of India has been implementing over 73 skill development schemes through more than 20 GOI Ministries/ Departments in order to increase the number of skilled workers in the country.