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Title: The Minister of Road Transport and Highways and Minister of Shipping laid a statement regarding Central Sector Scheme of Financial Assistance for On-Board Ship Training for Indian Merchant Navy Cadets/Trainees.

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS AND MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI NITIN GADKARI): Madam Speaker, India has a strong reputation for providing quality human resource for the global shipping sector. Out of a total number of 12 lakh sea-farers globally, India's share is 7 per cent, meaning about 84,000 Indians are working as sea-farers. They not only enhance the image of India but also earn precious foreign exchange for the country. The effort of the Government is to increase the share of India and to help Indian citizens to acquire skills for gaining employment all over the world.

The Indian Maritime University provides quality training to sea-farers, in association with 40 Maritime Training Institutes. Although there is enough capacity for classroom training for sea-farers, the efforts to train sea-farers have hit a road block in terms of the number of on-board training slots on ships. When I came to know of this I initiated discussions to find out a solution. Today I am happy to announce that we have found a way forward.

A scheme has been formulated to provide financial support to cadets who have completed their classroom training between 2010- 2012, but who have not been able to get on-board ship training due to non-availability of training berths on Indian ships.

In order to increase the training slots, foreign flagged ships will be eligible for reimbursement of 30 per cent of the cost of training with a maximum amount of Rs. 3 lakh. This amount, to be contributed by Ministry of Shipping, will be grant-in-aid and students will have not to return this money. The balance amount of 70 per cent of cost of training will be arranged for the cadets through loans from financial institutions under Ministry of Social Justice, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Minority Affairs are per their eligibility. Cadets belonging to General Category will be facilitated for obtaining loan from nationalised banks for meeting the 70 per cent cost.

The scheme is expected to benefit about 2000 cadets who will draw average starting salary, after undergoing training, about US\$ 3000 per month that is about Rs. 1,80,000 per month.

The scheme is expected to benefit a wide section of society.

The detailed guidelines and procedure for the scheme are available at the website of DG (Shipping).

यह स्कीम लॉन्च हुई है, इस साल इसमें 3,000 लड़कों को योजना मिलेगी और हर साल इसकी कैपेसिटी बढ़ाकर 10,000 लड़कों को हम ट्रेड करके फॉरेन भेजकर ट्रेनिंग देंगे। उससे हमारे देश में विदेशी मुद्रा भी आएगी।

HON. SPEAKER: So, it was not simply a paper laying, it was a statement.

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजीव प्रताप रूडी): मंत्री जी ने एक ऐतिहासिक कदम उठाया, खासकर सी फेयर के मामले में, जिसके लिए किसी को अफोर्ड करना पॉसिबल नहीं था। इसलिए आज उन्होंने ऐतिहासिक निर्णय किया है, इससे देश के नौजवानों के लिए सी फेयर की व्यवस्था की है, वह वास्तव में ऐतिहासिक है।

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