

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 297
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

SCHEMES FOR JAIL INMATES

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme that aims to train jail inmates across the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the placements of jail inmates after obtaining skill development training, State- wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE)**

(a) "Prisons" is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and management of jails, including skilling of inmates is primarily the responsibility of the States. However, training of prisoners in various vocational skills has received a lot of importance in almost all the States/Union Territories and these programmes are organized by the jail authorities with the help of State Government/industry/other voluntary organizations from time to time.

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana is not aimed specifically for a group/ gender or geography but aims to bring in the fold of skilling everyone across the country including the jail inmates. Special Projects under PMKVY is specifically designed to facilitate outreach to various marginalized, vulnerable, socially disadvantaged, hidden and hard-to-reach population of the society. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2015-16, 851 inmates (who have only a balance of 6 months time before release) of Tihar Jail, Delhi were enrolled and trained in a range of trades including Beauty and Wellness, Retail, Data Entry Operator, Electrician, Hospitality, Telecom, Customer Care Executive, Sewing Machine Operator etc. through two training partners of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). Further, under PMKVY 2016-20, training allocation of 1783 has been done for Sunaria Jail, Rajahmundry Central Prison, JJB Majnu ka Tila and JJB Kingsway camp.

(b) There has been no placement recorded for the individual trained in Jail.
