

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2034
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020**

SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH

2034. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the UNICEF report that states that despite India having the largest labour force, a majority of the youth lack the skills to be employed for jobs;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) what are the steps taken by Government for developing skills in youth to succeed and secure jobs?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): Ministry of Labour and Employment has not received any formal communication from UNICEF in this regard.

(c): The Government is implementing demand driven scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-20 for short duration skill development training Short-Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in the country. Placement opportunities are being provided to certified candidates under STT.

Under PMKVY 2016-20, focus on employment has been significantly enhanced and candidates have been placed in various sectors and industries. Training Centers (TCs)/ Training Providers (TPs) are required to have dedicated mentorship-cum-placement cells for industry linkage and placement of candidates. TPs are mandated to organize Placement/Rozgar Melas every six months with support from the Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and to ensure the participation of local industry. The scheme also incentivizes TCs/TPs for facilitating placement of the trained candidates. The reimbursement of last 20% of training payout to TCs is linked with the placement (wage employment or self-employment) of the candidate.
