MOU FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN PORT AND MARITIME SECTOR SIGNED BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP;

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Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, congratulated the Ministry of Shipping for undertaking endeavour to create a job-ready workforce by skilling them and build their competencies up to the global standards. "The vision of making India the Skill Capital of the World will continue to prosper if we work together and craft strategies to enhance access and innovate in the areas of skilling. Maritime transport is a critical segment that propels the economic development of our country. This strategic partnership with The Ministry of Shipping is also derived from the same motto. It is aimed in the direction in which our initiatives support our workforce by skilling them and builds their competencies up to global standards. It is my belief, that with the right assistance, training and exposure our youth will reach newer heights and will contribute in the growth of the shipping sector."

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Shipping (I/C) expressed gratitude for the MoU, towards the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and said that this partnership will provide vast employment opportunities and better prospects to the youth of coastal areas. This MoU would reinforce the commitment of Coastal Community Development under SagarMala programme of Ministry of Shipping, he added. Shri Mandaviya said that It will nurture the skilled manpower for the development of ports and maritime sector of India and globally."We are dedicated towards building the economic strength of our country by improving the capacities of our ports. We are also committed towards resolving the diverse issues faced by the maritime transport sector. Our promise is to build a skilled workforce to empower our youth, strengthen their stand in a technology-driven future and accelerate the growth of the maritime sector. The partnership will provide better prospects to our candidates who are committed in the development of ports and maritimes within India and in the international coastal lines for our workforce", he added.

As per the MoU, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship(MSDE) will cooperate in development of course curriculum, National Occupational Standards, content, etc. for Cruise Tourism, Logistics, Fisheries, Ship building, Ship repair and ship breaking, Dredging, Offshore supply chain etc. It will also leverage its existing infrastructure such as ITIs, NSTIs and PMKK and PMKVY centers to train manpower required as per the skill gaps of the coastal districts. MSDE will also help inmobilizing private sector/CSR funding for skill development in the port and maritime sector and facilitate port and maritime sector in TVET agreements signed for skill development with international partners.

The support in funding the implementation of various skilling initiatives wherever applicable and feasible under the Sagarmala Mission will be extended by the Ministry of Shipping (MoS). Under the partnership, MoS will facilitate implementation of activities related to skill development and upgradation not only through institutions under MoS and autonomous bodies but also through the involvement of private sector.MoS will also facilitate the identification and availability of infrastructure that can be leveraged for development of skill development centers and utilization of the same as In-situ Training hubs. This would include developing 5-10 shipping cabins to deploy remote training and practical whereby instead of investing in developing classroom training infrastructure, some ships can be customized with mobile classrooms to deploy training to remote areas.

To implement the skill training based on the need of the industry and youth aspiration, the Ministry of Shipping is collaborating with different Ministries and agencies who have been involved in skills training for a long time.Skill development of coastal communities is an important objective of the Sagarmalaprogramme and a budget of Rs.100 Cr. has been allocated for coastal community development activities.

Significant outcomes expected under the MoU

Facilitating development of port and maritime sector through TVET agreements signed for skill development with international partners

Providing best practices from relevant institutions in public and private sector pertaining to teaching aids, continuous lifelong learning, recognition of prior learning, teaching methodology, qualifications, credits, technology use, learning systems and research, etc. in the skill development field

Facilitating the enhancement of skill levels of personnel in priority areas through setting up of Trade Specialization Centers/Centres of Excellence especially for Ports & Maritime sector

Setting-up Multi-skill Development Centres for higher order skills in collaboration with DGT or NSDC through PPP model for skill training

Facilitating Training of Trainers (ToTs) and Training of Assessors (ToA) through empanelment with relevant SSCs or through any other mechanism

Raising the quality of work in institutions under MoS to hire skilled and certified personnel, putting in policy for incentivizing skill training and certificate in recruitment process and certification of RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) of skilled/semi-skilled people

Maximizing apprenticeship training in coordination with NSDC and DGT, as permitted under the amended Apprentices Act, 1961

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