

**LATEST STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION ON
SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IN HP**

1. Prime Minister’s National Council of Skill Development has set a target of training of 500 million persons by the year 2020. As a precursor to the National Policy, Ministry of Labour and Employment is in the process of setting up 1500 ITIs and 5000 Skill Development Centers across the country in association with the State Governments.
2. On 6th June, 2009, State Skill Development Mission (SSDM) was set-up in the State and notified by the Government of HP under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary.
3. A Study on **“Mapping the Existing Skill Levels of the Employable Youth and Skill Gaps in Himachal Pradesh”** was conducted and the concerned departments were requested to take into account the findings of the study while preparing their Action Plans. The main recommendations of the study are as follows:-
 - It is envisaged that by 2015, the opportunity landscape in Himachal Pradesh will have 3.5 to 4 lakh new (incremental) jobs to offer.
 - The Employment opportunities envisaged are likely to emanate mainly from the Construction, Pharma, Hospitality, Informatics Technology, Light Engineering, Mineral based Industries, Textiles, Hydro-power and other resident industries.
 - The new employment opportunities would call for several “soft” skills, such as communication skills, presentation skills, stress management and team building skills.
 - Incremental increase in capacity of ITIs to 4000, primarily through introduction of shift system.
4. The finding of the study was circulated to all concerned department with a request to prepare Skill Development action plan for their concern department.
5. A Compendium on State Skill Development Project in Himachal Pradesh has been prepared based on the information received from different departments.

6. Two meetings through Video Conferencing with Cabinet Secretary, New Delhi was held on June 6th, 2009 and July 15th 2009, to discuss the various issues related to State Skill Development Mission.
7. A Video Conference with Member Planning Commission and Secretary Planning Commission was held on 10th December, 2009 with Chief Secretary and other Secretaries of the state Government which was chaired by ACS (Technical Education) to review the progress in the implementation of State Skill Development Mission.

A meeting was held on 31st December, 2009 under the Chairpersonship of Chief Secretary, GoHP to discuss the issues raised in the VIDEO Conference of 10th December, 2009. During the meeting, it was decided principally that all departments will prepare a detailed action plan for their department and send the same plan to the Planning Department so that a consolidated State Plan on Skill Development Mission could be prepared.

8. Out of 18 departments, the Action Plan along with financial projections is received only from 7 departments. These are:-
 - (i) Technical Education
 - (ii) Industries
 - (iii) Agriculture
 - (iv) Horticulture
 - (v) Tourism
 - (vi) Rural Development
 - (vii) Power

8 Departments have sent their Action Plan without financial projection and remaining 3 departments have not submitted the complete Action Plan.