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**Various skill oriented courses are being implemented by University Grants Commission
(UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) – HRD Minister**

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Under Ministry of Human Resource Development's purview, various skill oriented courses are implemented by University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) through Community Colleges, Bachelor of Vocation courses (B.VoC) & Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) Kausal Kendras to boost the employability of youth. All the universities and colleges in the country have the option of adopting these approved skill education courses. Currently, there are 1109 courses being run by 556 institutions (300 B.VoC colleges, 188 Community Colleges and 68 DDU Kaushal Kendras), in which 38,414 students are receiving skill training with certification.

There is no formal MoU between the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. However, both the Ministries are working together for development and implementation of vocational courses. The assessment and certification of skill development courses being implemented by the institutions under MHRD is done by Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), which come under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

This information was given by the Union Minister for Human Resource, Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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