

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2915
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 19.03.2020

PRIME TRAINING PROGRAMME

2915 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the aim of the PRIME (Programme for Reskilling/Upskilling of IT Manpower for Employability);
- (b) the total amount approved for this programme over the next three years and the number of professionals expected to be trained;
- (c) what are the areas where re-skilling and upskilling is to be provided;
- (d) whether the course training will be free and if so, whether it would be applicable to all the courses, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any incentive would be provided by Government on getting certification, with details?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

(a): The Government has approved a programme entitled “FutureSkills PRIME” (Programme for Re-Skilling/ Up-Skilling of IT Manpower for Employability) with the objective of creating a re-skilling/ up-skilling ecosystem in emerging and futuristic technologies through an aggregator-of-aggregator framework, with online and blended learning mechanism using a hub-n-spoke mode.

(b): The total outlay of the programme is Rs. 436.87 Crore over a period of three years covering a target of 4.12 Lakh beneficiaries.

(c): The Programme aims to re-skill/up-skill aspirants in 10 emerging technologies, namely Virtual Reality/ Augmented Reality, Internet of Things, Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Robotic Process Automation, Additive Manufacturing/ 3D Printing, Cloud Computing, Social & Mobile, Cyber Security and Blockchain.

(d) and (e): The Programme envisages creation of Free and Subscription-based pathways for the beneficiaries. After successful completion of the course, the beneficiaries would be entitled to an incentive up to Rs. 12,000, subject to a maximum ceiling of 50% of the course fee paid.
