

50 per cent of jobs will be for the natives, says Minister in Puducherry

Labour and Employment Minister M. Kandasamy on Saturday said that efforts would be made to reserve 50 per cent of jobs in Puducherry for the natives.

He was addressing the participants at an awareness programme on skill development organised by the Puducherry Skill Development Society under the aegis of the Labour Department, Government of Puducherry.

Mr. Kandasamy said that a survey would be conducted to find out how many natives are being employed in the hotels, provisional stores, textile outlets and other industries. “Initiatives would be made to ensure that 50 per cent of the jobs are provided for the Puducherry natives,” he said.

The Labour and Employment Minister underlined that the government will provide adequate funds to train the youth and create employment opportunities.

“Nearly five acres would be allotted for a training centre where skill development programmes would be held. Those trained from this centre would be placed in different industries and will get help to find jobs in government sectors as well,” he said.

The Minister added: “I will fulfill the demands of employees and needs of employers. Puducherry is a small Union Territory and many industries have left this place. It is the desire of the Chief Minister and Ministers to bring the industries back and create more employment opportunities.”

Puducherry Chief Minister and Cabinet Ministers met the Prime Minister and apprised him about the conditions in the UT. “They have asked him to provide concessions and take adequate measures in order to develop industries. A study will be conducted to understand the problems of labourers and the hurdles for their development,” he said.

He added: “Though the Central Government is an opposition party, we are confident that once we get their support more development activities could be done.”

He added that providing training and creating more employment opportunities will also bring down the crime rate. The awareness programme aims to benefit 300 persons which include 150 persons having higher secondary qualification in

vocational stream, 100 industrial workers and 50 unemployed youth. About 1,000 beneficiaries are expected to reap the benefits of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) scheme annually.

Similar awareness programmes will be convened at Embalam village during next week, Karaikal during the first week of July 2016 and in Yanam during the last week of August 2016.

Secretary (Labour) Mihir Vardhan and Additional Secretary to Government (Labour) E. Vallavan addressed the participants.