

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES

764. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched any scheme to provide skill development training to Minority Communities, especially in Assam, if so, details thereof;
- (b) funds allocated by Government for this purpose;
- (c) number of students of North-Eastern region, especially Assam, being imparted skill development training by various Ministries and Ministry of Skill Development during last three years and current year;
- (d) details of targets set and achievements made under each of said schemes;
- (e) whether Government has received any proposal from various North-Eastern States, if so, details thereof; and
- (f) other steps taken by Government to improve skill development in North- Eastern region?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) & (b) : Under Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers Skill, Re-Skill and Up-Skill programme to all the sections of the society including minority communities across the country including Assam, through an extensive network of skill development Centres/ Institutes across the country, under various schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). The total funds disbursed to State of Assam under PMKVY from 2015-16 to 2022-23 is Rs. 300.41 cr and under JSS from 2018-19 to 2022-23 is Rs.10.17 cr. Day-to-day administration as well as financial control in respect of ITIs lies with the respective State Governments/Union Territory administration. Under NAPS, establishments are incentivised by way of stipend support.

Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) specifically implements various skill development schemes namely 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'USTTAD' and 'Nai Manzil' for the six notified minority communities in which minimum 30% seats were earmarked for females. Seekho Aur Kamao aims to upgrade the skills of minority youth in the age group of 14 to 45 years, in various modern/ traditional skills. Currently, the scheme has been converged into an integrated scheme - 'PMVIKAS i.e. Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka

Samvardhan'. PM VIKAS aims to improve livelihoods of the minorities, particularly the artisan communities, using the components of skill development, education, women leadership & entrepreneurship. These components compliment each other in the ultimate objective of the scheme to increase the incomes of the beneficiaries and provide support by facilitating credit and market linkages. The scheme has been implemented across the country.

(c) & (d) : The schemes of MSDE are demand-driven and the number of persons of North-Eastern region, including Assam, imparted skill development training through various schemes of MSDE during last three years and current year are placed at Annexure-I.

(e) Directorate General of Training (DGT) has received 44 proposals from North Eastern States for opening of new ITIs (Government & Private) during the last 4 years. This includes proposals received from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Manipur.

(f) In order to meet skilling requirement for future workforce, improve the quality of skilling and align the training programs with the changes in the economy and technology to meet the needs of the industry, following steps have been taken by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE):

- i. Expansion in infrastructure of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) through new ITIs in Public and Private Sectors.
- ii. Upgradation and modernization of ITIs in terms of their infrastructure, pedagogy, curriculum and technology interventions.
- iii. Introduction of new-age courses in Internet of Things (IoT), Renewable Energy, Additive Manufacturing Technology (3-D Printing), Mechatronics, Drone Technology etc in ITIs.
- iv. Launching of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), for imparting short-term skill training to the youth.
- v. Implementation of JSS to impart Vocational Skills to non-literates, neo-literates and the persons having rudimentary level of education upto 8th standard and school dropouts upto 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years.
- vi. Notification of common norms for bringing about uniformity and standardization in implementation of various Skill Development schemes by different Central Ministries/ Departments.
- vii. Setting up of Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) as industry-led bodies to develop National Occupation Standards (NOSs).
- viii. Implementation of Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP), an outcome-oriented World Bank supported project for strengthening institutional mechanisms at both national and state levels.
- ix. Implementation of Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) scheme, a World Bank assisted project launched with the objective of improving the relevance and efficiency of skills training provided through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and apprenticeships.
- x. Mobilisation/outreach activities through Kaushal/Rozgar Melas, Skills Career Counselling Scheme in making skilling aspirational.
- xi. Alignment of courses as per National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF).
- xii. Trainings of Trainers through National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) and Institutes of Training of Trainers (IToTs).
- xiii. Launch of National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) to promote apprenticeship training in the country by providing stipend support to the apprentices, undertake capacity building of the apprenticeship ecosystem and provide advocacy assistance to support rapid growth.

Annexure referred to in reply to RSUQ No. 764 to be answered on 26.07.2023 regarding 'SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES'**PMKVY:** The total number of persons trained in the NER region including Assam

TC State	FY-20-21		FY-21-22		FY-22-23		FY-23-24 (till June 2023)	
	Minority Trained / Oriented	Total Trained / Oriented	Minority Trained / Oriented	Total Trained / Oriented	Minority Trained / Oriented	Total Trained / Oriented	Minority Trained / Oriented	Total Trained / Oriented
Arunachal Pradesh	10,148	51,991	4,193	8,884	205	667	293	861
Assam	59,105	3,62,506	6,473	24,517	2,144	8,721	538	3,482
Manipur	14,329	34,540	3,607	6,424	406	1,146	161	604
Meghalaya	12,138	17,769	1,885	3,406	1,018	1,245	86	120
Mizoram	10,355	11,433	4,024	4,742	1,085	1,162	279	829
Nagaland	10,246	14,399	4,089	4,184	1,715	1,803	160	439
Sikkim	957	3,634	260	1,322	47	381	30	262
Tripura	4,459	46,676	282	4,490	99	1,608	34	877

JSS: The beneficiaries trained in the NER region including Assam:

State	FY 2020-21		FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23		FY 23-24* (till June 2023)	
	Minority	Total	Minority	Total	Minority	Total	Minority	Total
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Assam	2138	8883	2161	8999	2566	9460	19	316
Manipur	261	5327	184	6285	203	7779	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	38	1660	0	50
Mizoram	0	0	0	900	0	2058	0	140
Nagaland	0	1800	0	1812	0	1999	0	0
Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tripura	17	1101	15	2610	42	3679	0	0

* Enrolled

CTS(ITIs): The number of students enrolled in ITIs under CTS Scheme of North Eastern region including Assam during last three years and current year

State Name	Enrolment 2019	Enrolment 2020	Enrolment 2021	Enrolment 2022
Arunachal Pradesh	564	577	497	674
Assam	2965	3210	3500	3548
Manipur	80	82	108	668
Meghalaya	512	514	508	671
Mizoram	274	242	256	334
Nagaland	228	222	186	267
Sikkim	207	260	181	424
Tripura	1482	2043	1603	2470

NAPS: The number of Apprentices (minority data not tracked) engaged during last three years and current year in North-Eastern Region:

State	No. of Apprentice Engaged			
	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY-22-23	FY 23-24 (Till 30.06.2023)
Arunachal Pradesh	2	18	37	3
Assam	2,432	13,981	9,602	3516
Manipur	10	90	32	3
Meghalaya	105	116	181	14
Mizoram	1	4	4	2
Nagaland	1	27	22	4
Sikkim	151	302	202	75
Tripura	253	242	368	63
