

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.29**  
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024

**ENHANCING SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN**

\*29. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR:

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

- (a) the details of schemes implemented by Government for skill development of women to increase their employability;
- (b) whether the schemes have achieved the objective of increased women participation in the workforce and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for implemented of the said schemes; and
- (d) the action plan of Government for enhancing skill development of women?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 29 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024 ASKED BY SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR REGARDING ENHANCING SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN.**

(a) to (d) Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/ institutes under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country including women. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills. The brief of these schemes is as under:

**Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY):** PMKVY is a flagship Scheme of MSDE with an objective to impart short duration skill development training and certification to youth and to make them employable for better livelihood across the country. PMKVY has two components, namely Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). In order to increase the participation of women, conveyance cost and boarding and lodging facilities are being provided to them.

**Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme:** Under this scheme, MSDE is imparting skill training to non-literate, neo-literates, persons having rudimentary level of education upto 8th standard and school dropouts upto 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years in rural and urban areas. Under the scheme, focus is given to women and other vulnerable sections.

**National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS):** NAPS is being implemented by MSDE with the aim to promote apprenticeship training in the country by providing financial support to establishments for payment of stipend to apprentices.

**Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS):** This scheme is for providing long-term training through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country. The ITIs offer a range of vocational/skill training courses covering a large number of economic sectors with an objective to provide skilled workforce to the industry as well as self employment of youth. Further, Directorate General of Training (DGT) has also developed 16 Short Term Training courses under CTS to increase as well as encourage women participation in ITIs.

National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) also offer courses under Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) through 33 NSTIs across the country, which includes 19 NSTIs exclusively for women. There are more than 300 ITIs in the country exclusively for women. In addition, 30% of the seats in ITIs are reserved for women trainees subject to the general reservation policy of the respective State.

As stated above, training under the skill development programmes is provided to all the sections of the society including women, with specific provisions for encouraging participation of women. Since inception, till June, 2024, women constituted about 36.59% of total candidates trained under schemes of MSDE with share of women being as high as 82.01% and 44.30% under short term training programmes, namely JSS and PMKVY respectively. Under fee-based training programme implemented by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), 62,92,267 persons have been trained during 1st April, 2020 to 30th June, 2024 which includes 31,59,468 women, that is, about 50%.

The details of funds released under the schemes of MSDE are as under:

*(Amount in Rs. Crores)*

S. No.	Scheme	Fund Released
1	PMKVY (since 2015-16 upto 30.06.2024)	10,619.50
2	JSS (since 2018-19 upto March, 2024)	734.39
3	NAPS (since 2018-19 upto June, 2024)	1534.76

Day-to-day administration as well as financial control in respect of ITIs lies with the respective State Governments/ Union Territory Administration.

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