

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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NATIONAL SKILL TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN

1079 SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

Will the Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that there are only 21 courses, focused on stereotypical skills such as fashion design, beautician etc. that are offered by the National Skill Training Institutes for Women, while ITIs that cater to men offer more than 153 courses, and the enrollment rate of women in these courses is at a meagre 20 per cent; and
- (b) if so, the details of the corrective steps that are proposed to be taken by Government to address this major issue?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

There are 19 National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) out of 33 which are exclusively for women. These women NSTIs offer 19 courses under Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) as well as 23 courses under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS). The women NSTIs also offer courses in trades like Computer Operator and Programming Assistant (COPA), Electronics Mechanic, Architectural Draftsman, Computer Software Application, Desktop Publishing Operator etc. to women trainees, both in CTS and CITS. Even trades like Electrician have been introduced in Women NSTIs at Indore and Vadodara. From the Session 2023-24, the trade of 'Surveyor' has been introduced in three women NSTIs. Another new trade under CTS namely 'Artificial Intelligence Programming Assistant' is being introduced in eight women NSTIs from the year 2024-25 for the first time.

50.45% of seats sanctioned under CITS were women trainees whereas 84% trainees were women under CTS training in NSTIs.

To further increase participation in women courses, tuition and examination fee for all girl candidates is waived off and, 30% seats are reserved for women in general trades for admission in general NSTIs
