

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *141
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025

REGIONAL DISPARITIES IN SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

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

- (a) the steps Government is taking to address regional disparities in skill development initiatives;
- (b) the manner in which Government is ensuring that States with lower enrolment and participation rates in skill training programs are adequately supported; and
- (c) whether there are plans to increase the number of training centres in backward and tribal regions of the country, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *141 ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025 REGARDING 'REGIONAL DISPARITIES IN SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES'

(a) & (b): 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 etc. 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 backward and tribal region. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills.

As per the Common Norms for schemes for skill development by the Government, special provisions have been made for the candidates from the Special Areas like North Eastern States, Hilly States, Districts affected by Left Wing Extremist, etc.

Under PMKVY, the Government has expanded skill development programs in rural and underserved areas through setting up of Skill India Centres (SICs) and implementation of Special Projects as per local requirements. Under NAPS, Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) is being conducted every month on the 2nd Monday, in at least 1/3rd of the districts of each State, to facilitate candidates to avail apprenticeship opportunities and to facilitate establishments to identify potential candidates. Directorate General of Training (DGT) has provided relaxation in affiliation norms for the opening of new ITIs in Hilly areas, North-Eastern regions, and under-served blocks across the country, with the aim to encourage the opening of more new ITIs in these areas.

Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH)- a digital public infrastructure to provide a comprehensive and accessible platform for skill enhancement, offering industry-relevant skill courses, job opportunities, and entrepreneurship support- enhances the accessibility to skill training to the youth including the ones from rural and underserved areas.

To synergize initiatives of skill development in the country and overcome the regional imbalance, the schemes of MSDE focus on implementation of training interventions with participation of States and Districts through State Skill Development Mission (SSDMs) and District Skill Committees (DSCs). DSCs are mandated with formulating District Skill Development Plans (DSDPs) to promote decentralized planning and implementation at the grassroots.

(c): The Schemes of MSDE are demand driven and the Training Centres are set up or engaged on need basis. State-wise details of the Training Centres set up or engaged is as under:

State/UT	PMKVY 4.0 Centres	JSS Centers	NAPS Establishments	ITI (Session 2023-24)	
				Govt. ITIs	Pvt. ITIs
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	7	1	20	3	1
Andhra Pradesh	408	6	1,147	85	434
Arunachal Pradesh	86	0	25	7	0
Assam	833	6	941	31	16
Bihar	596	21	548	150	1,219
Chandigarh	9	1	166	2	0
Chhattisgarh	202	14	324	120	106
Delhi	222	3	3,013	18	28
Goa	8	1	495	11	2
Gujarat	377	8	12,458	273	215
Haryana	629	2	5,872	159	222
Himachal Pradesh	210	11	740	128	139
Jammu And Kashmir	694	1	554	49	0
Jharkhand	246	13	442	77	269
Karnataka	457	12	2,452	274	1,192
Kerala	145	9	1,904	149	297

Ladakh	12	0	16	3	0
Lakshadweep	1	1	1	1	0
Madhya Pradesh	1,527	29	1,126	195	767
Maharashtra	684	21	9,086	422	615
Manipur	164	4	23	10	0
Meghalaya	99	1	41	7	1
Mizoram	102	1	20	3	0
Nagaland	91	1	22	9	0
Odisha	307	29	738	73	427
Puducherry	23	0	245	8	7
Punjab	617	2	933	115	205
Rajasthan	1,613	9	984	182	1,363
Sikkim	37	0	69	4	0
Tamil Nadu	581	9	2,892	93	363
Telangana	157	6	1,314	66	232
DNH & DD	9	2	130	4	0
Tripura	151	2	98	20	2
Uttar Pradesh	2,965	47	6,395	294	2,964
Uttarakhand	231	8	738	103	71
West Bengal	344	8	1,352	168	139
Grand Total	14,844	289	49,788	3,316	11,296
