

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3639
ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO PUNJAB

3639. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the initiatives of Punjab Government to sharpen the skills of the youth of the State;
- (b) if so, steps taken by Government to extend assistance, including financial assistance to Punjab, to accelerate these skill development projects; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) Government of Punjab has reported various initiatives to sharpen skills of youth of the State, details of which are at Annexure.

(b) & (c) 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 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 in state of Punjab. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills.

Details of the number of candidates trained under the schemes of MSDE are as under:

	PMKVY (Since inception to 31.12.2024)	JSS (since 2018- 19 to 28.02.2025)	NAPS (since 2018-19 to 28.02.2025)	CTS (ITIs) (Sessions 2018-19 to 2023-24)
Pan India	1,60,33,081	28,51,573	35,42,442	79,57,128
Punjab	5,45,446	19,313	63,496	2,53,243

Under PMKVY and JSS schemes, funds are released to implementing agencies for meeting the training cost as per prescribed norms. Under JSS scheme, funds are released directly to Non-Governmental Organizations. Under NAPS, stipend support up to Rs 1500/- per month is released to beneficiaries through DBT. Day to day administration as well as financial control in respect of ITIs lies with the respective State Government/ UT Administration.

Details of funds released for implementation of PMKVY, JSS and NAPS, in the state of Punjab, during last five years up to 2023-24 are as under:

	Rs. in Crore
PMKVY	134.39
JSS	52.93
NAPS	4.56

Also, under Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP), MSDE has released Rs 11.62 Cr to the State of Punjab under the State Incentive Grants (SIG), Aspirational Skilling Abhiyan (ASA) and the Special project.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART(A) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3639 ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025 REGARDING 'CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO PUNJAB'

Government of Punjab's initiatives to sharpen skills of youth of the State

- (i) As per the industrial requirements, the obsolete courses has been identified and archived.
- (ii) During 2024-25 session, 32827 trainees has been admitted in 137 Govt ITIs. During 2024-25 session, 5000 new seats have been introduced.
- (iii) In 2024-25 session, 212 units are functional under Dual System of Training (DST) and approx 4518 candidates benefitted.
- (iv) For Upgradation of Govt ITI Ludhiana, about Rs 2.00 Crore has been provided under MPLAD Scheme.
- (v) Punjab Govt has made the budget provisions of Rs 50.00 Crore for Upgradation of Govt ITIs.
- (vi) A provision of Rs 33.00 Crore has been made in the Budget 2025-26 for 25 new Govt ITIs.
- (vii) For greater participation of women in engineering, the courses like Electrician in Govt ITI (W) Kapurthala and Mechanic Diesel Engine in Govt ITI (W) Mohali has been started in collaboration with industry.
- (viii) To strengthen and upgrade ITIs in the State, the Pubjab Govt has attracted investment from industry players like Daikan India, Ashok Leyland, Maruti Suzuki, and ITC Ltd under CSR initiatives.
- (ix) The NSQF has been scaled up from 06 trades in 2014-15 to 20 trades in 2024-25 covering 1490 schools and 2624 vocational labs.
