

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)

3640. SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY:

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

- (a) the number of skill training centres catering to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs);
- (b) whether Government has introduced any customized skill training programs for PwDs to enhance their employability;
- (c) the percentage of PwDs trained under skill development schemes who have been successfully employed; and
- (d) the initiatives taken to ensure workplace accessibility and inclusive employment opportunities for PwDs?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has set up 36 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), led by industry leaders in the respective sectors, which are mandated to identify the skill development needs of respective sectors as well as to determine skill competency standards. There is an exclusive Sector Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) namely, Skill Council for PwD. The Skill Council for PwD has affiliated 204 training centres (TCs) in India for imparting the skill training to PwDs under various skill development programs. Under various schemes, the Council has conducted training of approximately 1.75 lakh PwDs candidates, out of which 1.35 lakh candidates have been certified.

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, implements National Action Plan for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities (NAP-SDP) with an objective of enhancing skills of PwDs, enabling them for gainful employment, and making them self-reliant as productive and contributory members of society. Skill training is provided through various Government and Non-Government Organisations across the country. The PwDs with at least 40% disability in the age group of 15-59 years are eligible to avail the training. The skill training is given in 300+ job roles approved by National Council Vocational Education and Training (NCVET).

The scheme is demand-driven and the funds are released to empanelled training partners based on their proposal. Since inception, Rs. 157.52 Cr has been released to the empanelled training partners for imparting training to 1.42 lakh PwDs. Out of these, 28,000 have been placed in wage-employment/self-employment.

Also, under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM) , 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 Sikhshan 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 PwDs. Details of PwD candidates trained under these schemes of MSDE are as under:

PMKVY (Since 2015-16 to 31.12.2024)	JSS (since 2018-19 to 28.02.2025)	NAPS (since 2018-19 to 28.02.2025)	CTS (ITIs) (Since 2018-19 to 2023-24)
52,566	9,968	8,172	23,960

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities launched the Accessible India Campaign (AIC) in December 2015 to foster a more inclusive society in the country by addressing the accessibility needs of persons with disabilities across three pillars i.e., the built environment, transportation, information and communication. Although initially planned to conclude by March 2024, the campaign's objectives have been absorbed into the Creation of Barrier-Free Environment Scheme under the umbrella of the Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA). This transition reinforces the idea that accessibility is a continuous endeavour, requiring sustained efforts to meet evolving challenges.
