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**RAJYA SABHA
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Status of National Centres of Excellence

1951 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Education*** be pleased to state:

whether Government has prepared a planned layout, including timelines for establishment and operationalisation of the four National Centres of Excellence (excluding the proposed AI Centre) as announced in the Union Budget 2025–26, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

The Government of India has framed the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to provide holistic, flexible, and multidisciplinary education. A major thrust of the NEP 2020 is integrating vocational education and skilling with general education to ensure learners are equipped with industry-relevant, employable skills.

In alignment with this vision, in the Union Budget 2025-26, the Government announced setting up five National Centres of Excellence for skilling with global expertise and partnerships to equip our youth with the skills required for “Make for India, Make for the World” manufacturing. The partnerships aim to cover curriculum design, training of trainers, a skills certification framework, and periodic reviews.

Accordingly, the Union Government has approved a National Scheme for Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and setting up of five National Centres of Excellence (NCoEs) for skilling with an aim to enhance the overall quality and relevance of vocational training in the country. Under the scheme, five National Centres of Excellence for Skilling are envisaged in the National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI) located at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana.
