

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1240**  
ANSWERED ON- 10/12/2025

**SPECIAL INITIATIVE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN ODISHA'S COASTAL DISTRICTS**

1240 SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry will consider launching a special initiative for skill development in the State of Odisha's coastal districts focusing on blue economy, fisheries and port logistics; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development & 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 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 the state of Odisha. The SIM aims to prepare the youth of India for the future by equipping them with industry-relevant skills, thereby enhancing their employability and enabling them to access diverse employment opportunities.

Under PMKVY 4.0 (launched in FY 2022–23), a demand-driven approach is followed, with courses selected based on Sector Skill Council gap studies and District Skill Development Plans, and proposals from Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) are examined and approved by the scheme Executive Committee. Under this phase, youth across six coastal districts of Odisha—Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak and Balasore—have received training in sectors such as logistics, agriculture, IT-ITeS, construction, tourism and hospitality, retail and plumbing, with a total of 1,57,921 candidates trained/oriented since inception till 31.10.2025.

Under NAPS-2 from FY 2022-23 to FY 2025-26 (till 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025), in the state of Odisha, a total of 17,463 have been engaged as apprentices from coastal districts of Odisha. Under JSS scheme, the NCVET-approved Food Processing course, Fish & Seafood Jr. Processor (NSQF Level 3), was introduced in FY 2025-26 to meet market demands in coastal districts.

Additionally, the Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the MSDE, has developed the NSQF-compliant courses like vessel navigator, marine fitter and marine engine fitter. These courses are being implemented through ITIs under CTS and total number of candidates enrolled under these job roles across coastal districts of Odisha is 157 (since session 2020-21 to 2024-25).

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