

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2999**  
ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026

**IMPLEMENTATION OF NAPS IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

2999. SHRI SANA SATHISH BABU:

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

- (a) the total funds allocated, released and utilized for National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) in Andhra Pradesh, district wise, over the last five years, with details for Kakinada;
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh, district wise, categorized as graduates, diploma holders and vocational certificate holders, along with details of employers hiring apprentices in Kakinada;
- (c) the number of apprentices hired under the National Apprenticeship Mela in Andhra Pradesh, district wise;
- (d) the total number of Certificates of Proficiency issued in Andhra Pradesh, district wise, with details for Kakinada; and
- (e) whether any National Apprenticeship Mela is planned, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) aims to promote apprenticeship training across the country. Launched in August 2016, the scheme is currently being implemented under its second phase, namely NAPS-2, since FY 2022-23. Under NAPS-2, the Government shares partial stipend support, limited to 25% of the minimum prescribed stipend payable to apprentices, subject to a maximum of ₹1,500 per apprentice per month, which is disbursed directly to the bank accounts of apprentices through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism. The scheme is governed by the Apprentices Act, 1961, and the rules made thereunder.

The Scheme does not have State specific fund allocation as well as district wise allocation. The fund released to the state of Andhra Pradesh during last five financial years is as below:

S No.	Financial Year	Funds released (Rs in crore)		
		Govt. share as reimbursement of stipend	Govt. share of stipend through DBT	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) = (3) + (4)
1	2020-21	5.72	0.00*	5.72
2	2021-22	4.43	0.00*	4.43
3	2022-23	12.63	0.00*	12.63
4	2023-24	5.79	11.54	17.33
5	2024-25	1.38	18.31	19.69

\* The PAN India DBT roll out started from July 2023.

Since July 2023 onwards, Government share of stipend is being disbursed through Direct benefit transfer (DBT) to the apprentices directly. As per available information, an amount of Rs.0.77 crore has been disbursed to apprentices of Kakinada district. The Financial Year wise details of Govt. share of stipend released through DBT to the Kakinada district is given below:

<b>S No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Govt. share of stipend through DBT(Rs in Crore)</b>
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	2020-21	0.00*
2	2021-22	0.00*
3	2022-23	0.00*
4	2023-24	0.26
	2024-25	0.51

\* The PAN India DBT roll out started from July 2023.

(b) Under the scheme, 80,095 apprentices have been engaged by the establishments in the state of Andhra Pradesh during last five financial years. District-wise details of various categories of apprentices is given as Table 1 in the **Annexure**.

(c) The Government is organizing PMNAM across the country since June 2022. Apprenticeship contracts are tracked for 20 days after PMNAM day and may also include contracts generated outside PMNAM. A total of 75,090 apprentices have been engaged by establishments through PMNAM till December 2025. District-wise details is at Table 2 in the **Annexure**.

(d) Apprenticeship training in an establishment is categorized into Designated Trades and Optional Trades. The Apprentices (Amendment) Act, 2014 allows employers to create their own training programs under Optional Trades and issue Certificates of Proficiency to apprentices who complete the training to their satisfaction for which guidelines were issued on 22nd May 2025 and the corresponding functionality was enabled on the Apprenticeship Portal on 19th September 2025. Since the rollout of this functionality, a total of 1,479 apprentices in the state of Andhra Pradesh have been issued Certificate of Proficiency (CoP). District-wise details are provided at Table 3 in the **Annexure**.

(e) States/UTs (including Andhra Pradesh) have been advised to organise PMNAMs on every second Monday of the month in one-third of the total districts, with flexibility to choose the district/location and the day of the Mela based on local conditions, festivals and administrative considerations.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (b) TO (d) of RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2999 ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026 REGARDING “IMPLEMENTATION OF NAPS IN ANDHRA PRADESH”**

**Table 1: District wise apprentices engaged under NAPS during last five financial years in Andhra Pradesh**

S. No.	Districts	Graduate holders	Diploma holders	Vocational Certificate holders	Others*	Total Apprentices engaged
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7) = (3+4+5+6)
1.	Anakapalli	4	55	-	136	195
2.	Ananthapuramu	2443	1825	3	6,075	10,346
3.	Annamayya	-	3	-	86	89
4.	Bapatla	1	5		100	106
5.	Chittoor	1997	1711	9	8,712	12,429
6.	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	16	81	-	419	516
7.	East Godavari	44	247	36	3,670	3,997
8.	Eluru	-	11	-	388	399
9.	Guntur	107	431	-	6,575	7,113
<b>10.</b>	<b>Kakinada</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>1,026</b>
11.	Krishna	57	512		7,586	8,155
12.	Kurnool	9	112	1	4,182	4,304
13.	Nandyal	1	13		132	146
14.	Ntr	14	111		847	972
15.	Palnadu	1	5		64	70
16.	Parvathipuram Manyam	0	0	0	9	9
17.	Prakasam	13	40	1	706	760
18.	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	94	282		1,472	1,848
19.	Sri Sathya Sai	253	326		2,385	2,964
20.	Srikakulam	158	549		1,219	1,926
21.	Tirupati	375	888		2,345	3,608
22.	Visakhapatnam	523	2088	2	11,896	14,509
23.	Vizianagaram	4	76		829	909
24.	West Godavari	5	54		1,325	1,384
25.	Y.s.r.	34	274	1	2,006	2,315
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,184</b>	<b>9,908</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>63,950</b>	<b>80,095</b>

\*Other categories include 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & above, Postgraduate, ITI.

**Table 2: Details of Apprentices Engaged through PMNAM**

S No.	District	Apprentices Engaged from June 2022 to Dec 2025*
1.	ANAKAPALLI	313
2.	ANANTHAPURAMU	13,548
3.	ANNAMAYYA	119
4.	BAPATLA	162
5.	CHITTOOR	11,513
6.	DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA	573
7.	EAST GODAVARI	2,995
8.	ELURU	626
9.	GUNTUR	2,644

10.	<b>KAKINADA</b>	<b>1,582</b>
11.	KRISHNA	6,211
12.	KURNOOL	1,033
13.	NANDYAL	206
14.	NTR	1,453
15.	PALNADU	85
16.	PARVATHIPURAM MANYAM	15
17.	PRAKASAM	634
18.	SRI POTTI SRIRAMULU NELLORE	1,706
19.	SRI SATHYA SAI	4,377
20.	SRIKAKULAM	1,862
21.	TIRUPATI	5,915
22.	VISAKHAPATNAM	12,144
23.	VIZIANAGARAM	794
24.	WEST GODAVARI	1,193
25.	Y.S.R.	3,387
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75,090</b>

**Data pertains to apprenticeship contract tracked for 20 days after mela day which may include contracts generated outside PMNAM.**

**Table 3: Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) issued to the apprentices of Andhra Pradesh**

S No.	District	Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) issued to the apprentices of Andhra Pradesh
1.	Anakapalli	16
2.	Ananthapuramu	285
3.	Annamayya	6
4.	Bapatla	14
5.	Chittoor	43
6.	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	6
7.	East Godavari	68
8.	Eluru	25
9.	Guntur	69
10.	<b>Kakinada</b>	<b>25</b>
11.	Krishna	137
12.	Kurnool	53
13.	Nandyal	20
14.	Ntr	41
15.	Palnadu	2
16.	Parvathipuram Manyam	2
17.	Prakasam	13
18.	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	52
19.	Sri Sathya Sai	100
20.	Srikakulam	35
21.	Tirupati	57
22.	Visakhapatnam	298
23.	Vizianagaram	51
24.	West Godavari	14
25.	Y.s.r.	47
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1479</b>

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