

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 3792
ANSWERED ON 25/03/2026

DRONE SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING INITIATIVES

3792. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry, in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, has initiated any specialised programmes for drone pilot training and related skills under initiatives such as Drone Shakti and Namoo Drone Didi;
- (b) whether Government has set any target for certified drone pilots and technicians to be trained by 2025 and the current progress made towards achieving these targets; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure affordable access to drone training for rural and semi-urban youth, including financial assistance or incentives?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) The Directorate General of Training (DGT), under Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has taken the initiative to introduce various courses in the field of Drone technology to develop skilled workforce in this emerging field. With a view to further strengthen this initiative and promote wider adoption of drone applications, DGT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) for providing drone pilot training under the PM "Drone Sakhi Yojna" in co-ordination with Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Ministry of Rural Development. Also, the National Skill Training Institute (NSTI), Ramanthapur, Hyderabad has been authorised as Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO) by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to impart remote pilot training.

In order to ensure the affordable access to drone training, the Directorate General of Training (DGT), has started courses in 'Drone Technician' and 'Drone Pilot (Junior)' under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) and Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for the youth across the country.

Detail of these programs is placed in **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3792 ANSWERED ON 25.03.2026 REGARDING “DRONE SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING INITIATIVES”

State wise list of courses offered in NSTIs:

Sl. No.	State	Name of Institute	Trade	Sanctioned Seats
1	Kerala	NSTI Calicut	Drone Technician	24
2	Odisha	NSTI Bhubaneswar	Drone Technician	24
3	Punjab	NSTI Ludhiana	Drone Technician	24
4	Tamil Nadu	NSTI Chennai	Drone Technician	24
5	Telangana	NSTI-Ramanthapur, Hyderabad	Drone Technician	24
6	Telangana	NSTI-Ramanthapur, Hyderabad	Drone Pilot (Junior)	48
7	Uttar Pradesh	NSTI (W) Noida	Drone Technician	24

State wise/UT-wise list of courses offered in ITIs:

Sl. No.	State	Name of Institute	Trade	Sanctioned Seats
1	Chandigarh	Govt Industrial Training Institute	Drone Technician	48
2	Gujarat	INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, VAGHODIYA (Government)	Drone Pilot (Junior)	48
3	Jharkhand	Govt Industrial Training Institute	Drone Technician	24
4	Jharkhand	Govt ITI Deoghar	Drone Technician	24
5	Jharkhand	Govt ITI Govindpur	Drone Technician	24
6	Jharkhand	Govt ITI Lokai, Koderma	Drone Technician	24
7	Jharkhand	GOVT ITI, MADHUPUR(DEOGHAR)	Drone Technician	24
8	Jharkhand	Women Govt ITI, Khunti	Drone Technician	24
9	Madhya Pradesh	GOVT DIVISIONAL ITI, JABALPUR	Drone Technician	48
10	Madhya Pradesh	Govt. Divisional ITI Indore, MP	Drone Technician	48
11	Madhya Pradesh	Gyanodaya Private Industrial Training Institute	Drone Technician	24
12	Odisha	Gopa Bandhu Govt. ITI	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
13	Odisha	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Berhampur	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
14	Odisha	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Bhubaneswar	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
15	Odisha	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Bolangir	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
16	Odisha	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Cuttack	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
17	Odisha	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Phulbani	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
18	Odisha	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Rourkela	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
19	Odisha	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Talcher	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
20	Odisha	Govt. Industrial Training Institute, Balasore	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
21	Odisha	Govt. Industrial Training Institute, Dhenkanal	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
22	Odisha	Govt. Industrial Training Institute, Hinjlicut	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
23	Odisha	Govt. Industrial Training Institute, Rayagada	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24
24	Odisha	Technical Training Institute, Takatpur	Drone Pilot (Junior)	24

25	Puducherry	Government Industrial Training Institute for Men, Puducherry	Drone Technician	24
26	Tamil Nadu	Government Industrial Training Institute, North Chennai	Drone Pilot (Junior)	48
27	Tamil Nadu	Government Industrial Training Institute, Coimbatore	Drone Pilot (Junior)	48
28	Telangana	Govt. Industrial Training Institute for Girls	Drone Technician	48
29	Telangana	Rajiv Gandhi Industrial Training Centre	Drone Technician	48
30	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	GOVT. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, DAMAN	Drone Technician	48
31	West Bengal	Govt Industrial Training Institute Durgapur Muchipara	Drone Technician	48
32	West Bengal	Govt Industrial Training Institute Gariahat	Drone Technician	48
33	West Bengal	Govt Industrial Training Institute Kalyani	Drone Pilot (Junior)	48
34	West Bengal	Govt Industrial Training Institute Midnapore	Drone Technician	48
35	West Bengal	Govt Industrial Training Institute Siliguri	Drone Pilot (Junior)	48
36	West Bengal	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Hooghly (Sahaganj)	Drone Technician	48
37	West Bengal	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Howrah Homes	Drone Pilot (Junior)	48
38	West Bengal	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Malda	Drone Pilot (Junior)	48
39	West Bengal	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Purulia	Drone Pilot (Junior)	48
40	West Bengal	Govt Industrial Training Institute, Tollyganj	Drone Technician	48
