

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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**VACANCIES, EMPLOYABILITY AND RELEVANCE OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING
INSTITUTES (ITIs)**

2037. SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA:

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

- (a) the sanctioned intake, actual enrolment and vacant seats in Government and private ITIs during the last five years, State-wise and trade-wise;
- (b) whether reasons for persistent ITI vacancies have been assessed, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the trade-wise percentage of ITI graduates employed, pursuing further training, or self-employed over this period;
- (d) whether ITI courses are being aligned with current opportunities in IT, healthcare, logistics and emerging technologies; and
- (e) whether any independent assessment of ITI reforms, industry linkages and curriculum updates has been conducted?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b) The Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), implements the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through a network of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for skilling the youth. Under CTS, at present, training is imparted in 170 courses through 13,856 ITIs (Government - 3,328 & Private – 10,528) across the country.

The overall enrolment in ITIs has increased from 12,25,851 in the academic session 2021–22 to 14,70,277 in 2025–26. However, admissions to different trades vary across regions depending on local industrial requirements, employment opportunities and trainees' preferences. As a result, while some trades and ITIs attract higher enrolment, others receive comparatively fewer admissions, leading to vacant seats in certain training units.

To ensure optimum utilisation of training infrastructure and resources, the DGT undertakes periodic rationalization of training units with zero admissions. Accordingly, in January 2025, 21,069 training units comprising 4.49 lakh seats, with zero admissions during the academic sessions 2018–19 to 2023–24, were de-affiliated. Further, in May 2026, 4,292 training units with an aggregate seating capacity of about 90,256 seats, with zero admissions during the academic sessions 2022–23 to 2025–26, were also de-affiliated.

State-wise and Trade-wise seating capacity and enrolment in all the ITIs under CTS from session 2021–22 to 2025–26 is placed at *Annexure-1* and *Annexure-2* respectively.

Since the details in aforesaid Annexures are too lengthy, it is uploaded on Ministry's website at <https://www.msde.gov.in/documents?page=1> .

(c) The training courses under the CTS are designed to impart the necessary skills and knowledge in the respective trades to prepare trainees for wage employment as well as self-employment. In addition, ITI pass-outs are eligible to undergo apprenticeship training under the Apprentices Act, 1961. During the period from FY 2021–22 to 30 June 2026, a total of 13,60,871 ITI pass-outs have been engaged as apprentices

(d) The trade curriculum under the CTS is updated periodically in consultation with industry, academia and State/UT Governments to incorporate emerging technologies, modern tools & equipment and machinery in line with evolving industry requirements, including in sectors such as Information Technology (IT), Healthcare, Logistics and other emerging technology sectors. The list of courses offered under the CTS in IT, Healthcare, Logistics and other emerging technology sectors is placed at ***Annexure-3***.

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(e) The DGT commissioned a National Tracer Study in 2024 to assess the employment outcomes of ITI pass-outs in ITIs upgraded under the Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) Project. Further, NITI Aayog conducted a study titled "Transforming Industrial Training Institutes" in 2023, examining various aspects of the ITI ecosystem.
