

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2490
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026

STATUS ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

2490. DR. VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the implementation status of the Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme (ESDP) across the country and the outcomes achieved thereunder;
- (b) details of the number of training programmes conducted and candidates trained under ESDP during the last five years, year-wise, trade-wise, State-wise and district-wise for Punjab;
- (c) the details of the number of beneficiaries who have started enterprises or gained employment after completion of training under the programme, State/UT-wise, and district wise for Punjab; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilised under ESDP during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise and district wise for Punjab?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a): A total of 42,211 programme were conducted, benefiting 19,54,701 participants across the country under the scheme of Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme(ESDP) during the period from FY 2021-22 to 2025-26. The details of programmes conducted and persons benefitted during the last five years, year-wise across the country, is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b)& (c): The details of programme conducted and persons benefitted during the last five years, year-wise, state-wise and district-wise details for Punjab is given at **Annexure-II**.

(d): ESDP is a Central Sector scheme and funds are not allocated State/UT-wise. Funds allocated and expenditures under the scheme during the last five years is as under:

(Rs. crore)

Financial Year	Fund allocated BE/RE	Expenditures
2021-22	2.00	1.50
2022-23	40.00	38.71
2023-24	65.00	62.84
2024-25	74.32	73.79
2025-26	95.70	92.74
Total	277.02	269.58

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Rajya Sabha admitted Unstarred question no. 2490 for answer on 10.08.2026.

(i) Year-wise number of programmes and beneficiaries across the country of last five years from FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 under the ESDP Scheme:

S. No.	Financial Year	No. of Programmes Conducted	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	2021-22	715	59702
2.	2022-23	4732	218692
3.	2023-24	7497	347042
4.	2024-25	12576	570063
5.	2025-26	16691	759202
Total		42211	1954701

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) & (c) of the Rajya Sabha admitted Unstarred question no. 2490 for answer on 10.08.2026.

(i) Year wise & State-wise number of programmes and beneficiaries of last five years from FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 under the ESDP Scheme:

S. No.	Name of State/UT	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
		Prog.	Beneficiaries	Prog.	Beneficiaries	Prog.	Beneficiaries	Prog.	Beneficiaries	Prog.	Beneficiaries
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	2	128	59	2856	56	2502	5	191	5	298
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	27	2295	26	1424	113	5760	201	10093	625	32428
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2	136	27	1087	97	4236	135	6401	128	6243
4	ASSAM	17	1165	379	15350	426	19339	885	43038	883	42217
5	BIHAR	49	3929	132	6079	232	12265	288	13454	268	12567
6	CHANDIGARH	0	0	1	118	8	276	4	239	6	290
7	CHHATTISGARH	27	1814	105	5266	133	5759	164	8080	152	7364
8	DADAR AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN	3	280	8	608	12	467	23	1290	6	355
9	DELHI	15	1349	23	1385	84	4170	112	4744	234	10464
10	GOA	2	119	7	279	36	1510	32	1424	24	1086
11	GUJARAT	24	1580	196	9651	343	14939	642	29573	644	26554
12	HARYANA	23	2014	65	3213	143	7688	207	10599	525	24301
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	15	1317	31	1790	112	5923	121	5998	170	9100
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	7	494	101	3863	714	35280	752	33652	768	35492
15	JHARKHAND	27	2570	110	6156	141	8380	159	7447	230	10345
16	KARNATAKA	42	3316	141	6117	244	14301	380	18280	421	19475
17	KERALA	27	2335	145	7150	150	8873	186	10197	296	14100
18	LADAKH	0	0	1	50	2	94	28	1573	43	1520
19	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	11	498	6	233	7	325
20	MADHYA PRADESH	27	2706	959	44248	975	42055	1850	77987	1450	63384
21	MAHARASHTRA	47	3946	379	15468	386	16669	1339	56302	1609	68127
22	MANIPUR	7	403	35	1281	41	1722	125	4773	405	18300
23	MEGHALAYA	3	213	20	1209	57	2374	152	6101	212	9369
24	MIZORAM	2	87	7	210	30	1122	54	2370	57	2840
25	NAGALAND	8	527	206	6810	556	16561	373	12862	124	5775
26	ODISHA	32	2559	196	8616	222	10348	756	38229	1434	61152
27	PUDUCHERRY	1	61	5	147	19	737	184	8569	242	11361
28	PUNJAB	22	2447	126	7269	194	10368	435	21251	539	25595
29	RAJASTHAN	27	2293	148	8820	276	12807	768	34206	1154	50134
30	SIKKIM	20	1140	16	903	39	2004	70	3204	81	3737
31	TAMIL NADU	31	3002	235	9433	319	16445	363	17929	764	33333
32	TELANGANA	32	2629	103	4606	275	11548	316	12717	666	38572
33	TRIPURA	20	1384	11	331	80	4072	160	6864	244	10840
34	UTTAR PRADESH	87	8156	413	23137	483	25918	826	40120	1420	64265
35	UTTARAKHAND	15	1380	135	5511	214	7835	296	12206	484	20496
36	WEST BENGAL	25	1928	181	8251	274	12197	179	7867	371	17398
Total		715	59702	4732	218692	7497	347042	12576	570063	16691	759202

Source: ESDP MIS Portal

(ii) District wise number of Programmes and beneficiaries in Punjab state of last five years from FY 2021-22 to 2025-26 under the ESDP scheme:

S. No.	Name of District	FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
		Prog.	Beneficiaries	Prog.	Beneficiaries	Prog.	Beneficiaries	Prog.	Beneficiaries	Prog.	Beneficiaries
1.	AMRITSAR	1	240	1	210	6	423	27	1197	35	1753
2.	BARNALA	1	73	1	100	5	267	7	371	15	701
3.	BATHINDA	1	64	1	122	14	921	30	1480	16	765
4.	FARIDKOT	1	102	1	68	3	203	8	477	11	542
5.	FATEHGARH SAHIB	1	50	1	160	2	85	1	25	7	454
6.	FAZILKA	1	169	1	92	1	112	2	127	8	490
7.	FIROZEPUR	1	86	1	120	5	391	2	249	10	556
8.	GURDASPUR	1	100	1	120	5	326	4	208	9	533
9.	HOSHIARPUR	1	90	10	641	9	562	34	1994	54	2592
10.	JALANDHAR	1	60	32	1153	48	1555	77	2824	78	3208
11.	KAPURTHALA	1	65	2	476	1	30	19	1196	25	1192
12.	LUDHIANA	3	214	17	747	28	1541	48	2325	60	2823
13.	MALERKOTLA	0	0	1	81	4	294	12	649	9	427
14.	MANSA	1	51	1	100	5	495	7	423	10	499
15.	MOGA	1	327	1	113	5	348	9	412	35	1632
16.	NAWANSHAH R	1	143	0	0	4	217	16	813	15	690
17.	PATHANKOT	1	161	9	485	5	301	23	923	13	709
18.	PATIALA	1	145	0	0	10	503	18	889	42	1957
19.	RUPNAGAR	1	64	29	1355	22	948	21	1005	33	1466
20.	S.A.S NAGAR	0	0	14	910	7	409	25	1328	19	841
21.	SANGRUR	1	140	0	0	1	156	11	550	12	631
22.	SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB	1	103	1	95	0	0	18	1006	9	478
23.	TARN TARAN	0	0	1	121	4	281	16	780	14	656
		22	2447	126	7269	194	10368	435	21251	539	25595

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