

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 215
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019**

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SKILLS (IISs)

215. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) whether it is not true that the Ministry has set up Indian Institute of Skills (IISs) only in the Northern (Kanpur & Ahmedabad) and Western (Mumbai) India and there is not even a single IISs in the Southern and Eastern India;
- (b) if so, the reasons for showing discrimination towards Southern and Eastern India;
- (c) whether there are any plans to set up IISs in Andhra Pradesh and if so the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI R. K. SINGH)**

(a) to (d) The National Policy on Skill Development and Skill India Mission was announced in 2015 with the aim to tackle the skill challenges of India by addressing following key issues;

- i) inadequate overall capacity for skilling and acute shortages in critical areas;
- ii) on an average poor quality and employability of the skilling eco-system;
- iii) low aspirational value associated with skill acquisition; and
- iv) lack of vertical progression pathways for vocational education.

The Indian Institute of Skills (IISs) was conceptualized to address above mentioned issues and to develop state of the art skill institutions. The vision behind setting up IIS is to build world-class skill training centres by learning from and imbibing best practices from internationally renowned existing skill institutions. IISs are envisaged to have the unique features that would make them different from the existing setup of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Advanced Training Institutes (ATIs) (which are now known as National Skill Training Institutes).

The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 24.10.2019 approved the proposal of setting up of IISs at three locations in the country at Kanpur, Mumbai and Ahmedabad.
