

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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ASSESSMENT OF SKILL INDIA DIGITAL

438 SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the impact and reach of Skill India Digital (SID) since its launch, considering its role as a comprehensive digital platform for skill development, education, employment and entrepreneurship in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there are collaborations or partnerships with State Governments, particularly West Bengal educational institutions and other stakeholders to integrate various training programmes into Skill India Digital; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) & (b) Under the Govt. of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/schools/colleges/institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jas Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). Benefits of these schemes are available to all the sections of the society across the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

Skill India Digital (SID) was launched on 13th September 2023 as the unified platform to provide an array of services targeting a wide range of beneficiaries including Learners, Sector Skill Councils, Knowledge Providers, Content Partners, Training Partners, Employers, Skill Centres, Trainers, Assessors, Assessment Agencies, Recognition Bodies and Financial Institutions. As a centralized digital platform, SID integrates with existing Government Schemes to enhance accessibility, promote inclusivity, and cater to multiple stakeholders within the skilling, ecosystem.

As of 31st January 2024, a total of 15,94,652 candidates have been registered, 4,21,170 mobile apps have been downloaded and 3,14,393 candidates have enrolled for online courses on SID. SID has 522 online courses, with 1,88,499 minutes of digital content readily available for learners.

(c) & (d) Skill India Digital being the unified Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for India's skilling landscape is envisaged to collaborate with Central Ministries and State Governments to enlist their skilling initiatives/schemes on the platform. Accordingly, a feature has been developed on SID that enables Central Ministries & State Governments to onboard and manage their training programs on the platform. More than 50 State skilling schemes are already onboarded on Skill India Digital.

Further, as on 31st January 2024, more than 15,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) situated in various states have been onboarded on Skill India Digital, with admission of more than 13 lakh candidates in these ITIs in the Admission session 2023. The corresponding figures for West Bengal are 311 ITIs with admission of 41,595 candidates on Skill India Digital.
