

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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SKILLS ON WHEEL TO RURAL AREAS IN JHARKHAND

1110. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any existing initiatives targeted at understanding and addressing the specific aspirations of rural youth in Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans for up-skilling and providing employment opportunities to the rural youth who preferred to remain in their villages, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expand existing initiatives like "Skills on Wheel" to rural areas in Jharkhand to provide accessible up-skilling opportunities closer to their homes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the enrollment rates in vocational training programmes among rural youth; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to improve awareness and accessibility of these programmes in Jharkhand?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): Under the Govt. of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country including rural youth of Jharkhand. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready & industry ready skills. The brief of these schemes is as under:

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY): PMKVY Scheme is for imparting skill development training through Short-Term Training (STT) and up-skilling and re-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country.

Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme: The main target of the JSS is to impart vocational skills to the non-literates, neo-literates and the persons having rudimentary level of education and school dropouts upto 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years, with due age relaxation in case of “Divyangjan” and other deserving cases. Priority is given to Women, SC, ST, OBC and Minorities in the rural areas and urban low-income areas.

National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS): This Scheme is for promoting apprenticeship training and increasing the engagement of apprentices by providing financial support to industrial establishments undertaking apprenticeship programme under the Apprentices Act, 1961. Training consists of Basic Training and On-the-Job Training/ Practical Training at workplace in the industry.

Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS): This scheme is for providing long-term training through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country. The ITIs offer a range of vocational/skill training courses covering a large number of economic sectors with an objective to provide skilled workforce to the industry as well as self employment of youth.

(c) & (d): With the objective of improving livelihood of rural households by providing relevant skills training to its youth population, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), under the aegis of MSDE, is running the 'Skill on Wheels' program in Ranchi, Jharkhand. This initiative is aimed at ensuring that individuals in remote areas have access to skilling for improving their employability.

(e) & (f): MSDE has undertaken various strategies to ensure the widespread reach of programs for skill development across diverse geographies and socio-economic backgrounds through awareness drives, workshops, and community engagement initiative. Amplifying awareness around the skilling initiatives is also undertaken through platforms like All India Radio (AIR), Press Information Bureau (PIB), MyGov, and Doordarshan (DD). Leveraging digital platforms and mobile technology, Ministry has ensured accessibility to skill-related information and resources, benefiting individuals in remote regions. Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) serves as a one-stop online resource for youth seeking information and enrollment in skill training programmes. Ease of access through this platform encourages participation.

The details of candidates trained under schemes of MSDE during 2023-24 are as under:

	PMKVY	JSS	NAPS*	CTS (ITIs)
All India	5,39,325	5,07,337	9,32,298	14,46,247
Jharkhand	8,796	22,439	11,882	40,103

*Apprentice Engaged
