

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IN JHARSUGUDA AND BARGARH

120. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

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

(a) whether number of young people in Jharsuguda and Bargarh districts in Odisha are struggling to find employment;

(b) if so, whether any specific skill development initiatives to enhance their employability in industries in these districts;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a skill development centre in above mentioned district to equip youth with the skills needed for employment in the local industrial sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a): The official data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), which is conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June every year.

As per the data available in the latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for youth of age 15- 29 years in the state of Odisha has decreased from 23.6 % in 2017-18 to 11.11% in 2023-24. Also, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) indicating employment on usual status for youth of age 15- 29 years in the state of Odisha has increased from 28.5 % in 2017-18 to 46.3 % in 2023-24.

(b): Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) imparts skill development training (skilling, re-skilling and upskilling) through its various flagship Schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan 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.

(i) Under PMKVY, the skill development training is provided through Short-Term Training (STT) and the up-skilling and re-skilling is provided through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country with an aim of enhancing employability of the youth to access employment opportunities by equipping them with industry relevant skills. The age group covered is 15-45 yrs for STT and 18-59 yrs for RPL. The training duration is 200-600 Hrs for STT and 30-120 Hrs for RPL. Under the PMKVY scheme, placements were tracked in the Short-Term Training (STT) component in the first three versions of the Scheme which is PMKVY 1.0, PMKVY 2.0 and PMKVY 3.0 implemented from 2015-16 to 2021-22. Under PMKVY 4.0, the focus is on empowering our trained candidates to choose their varied career path and they are suitably oriented for the same. Total number of candidates trained in PMKVY from 2015-16 to 2024-25 (up to 31.12.2024) in the districts of Jharsuguda and Bargarh are 4,773 and 19,620 respectively.

(ii) The JSS Scheme aims to provide skill training in a non-formal mode at the doorstep of the beneficiary through registered societies (NGOs) with a 100 per cent grant from the Government of India. The objective of scheme is to increase the household income by promoting self/wage employment through skill development training. The main target of the JSS is to impart vocational skills to non-literates, neo-literates and persons having rudimentary level of education up to 8th standard and school dropouts up to 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years. JSS offers flexible, affordable, and accessible skill training to women, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), minorities, and other disadvantaged groups of the society. From 2021-22 to 2024-25 (up to 26.01.2025), the number of beneficiaries trained in Bargarh district under JSS are 6,760. However, there is no JSS operational in Jharsuguda.

(iii) The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched in 2016 and was extended to continue as NAPS -2 from FY 2022-23. Under NAPS-2, financial support in the form of the partial stipend of Rs 1500/- per month to the apprentices is provided to the establishments. The stipend support by Government of India (GoI) is paid directly through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the bank account of apprentices, since August, 2023. Total number of apprentices engaged in these two districts are 1,979. In Jharsuguda and Bargarh, the number of apprentices engaged are 1,689 and 290, respectively. The figures are from 2018-19 to 2024-25 (up to 31.12.2024). For the same period, the number of establishments engaging apprentices in Bargarh are 22 and Jharsuguda are 42.

(iv) Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the aegis of MSDE is implementing the LongTerm Training under its Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through a network of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for the youth of the country. There are a total number of 501 ITIs in the state of Odisha out of which 473 are private ITIs and 28 are Govt. ITIs. In the district of Jharsuguda, there are 7 ITIs (1 Govt and 6 private) and in Bargarh, there are 11 ITIs (3 Govt and 8 private). The total number of candidates enrolled in Jharsuguda and Bargarh districts are 8,071 and 8,830 respectively (since 2014 to 2024).

(v) PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 17.09.2023 in the entire country. The Scheme aims at upskilling the Vishwakarmas with the knowledge of modern tools, techniques and credit support for expanding their business. The minimum age of beneficiary under PM Vishwakarma Scheme is 18 years on the date of registration. MSDE is implementing the skill component of the scheme. As on 30.01.2025, 17.41 lakh candidates have been trained and assessed on pan India, out of which 0.47 lakh candidates have been trained and assessed in the state of Odisha. Total number of 491 candidates have been trained and assessed in these two districts.

(c) & (d): Schemes of MSDE aim at enabling youth of India to get future ready & industry ready skills. These schemes are demand driven and new training centres (TCs) are set up/engaged on need basis to impart the training across the country. Details of training centres setup/engaged under various schemes of MSDE in Jharsuguda and Bargarh districts in Odisha are given as under:

Scheme	Jharsuguda	Bargarh
PMKVY	05	01
JSS	00	01
NAPS (number of establishments)	42	22
CTS (ITIs)	07	11
PM Vishwakarma	01	05