

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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STRENGTHENING SKILL FOR INDUSTRIAL VALUE ADDITION

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

- (a) whether the Government is working on a scheme to strengthen skills for industrial value addition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that marginalised and deprived communities benefit from the said initiative;
- (d) whether the Government intends to expand the said initiative in future to benefit more and more people; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A new scheme has been announced in the Union Budget 2024 under the Prime Minister's package for Employment and Skilling, for the upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) aligned with industry requirements. The scheme aims to upgrade 1,000 ITIs through hub-and-spoke arrangements, focusing on outcome orientation in collaboration with state governments and industry. As per the budget announcement, under the scheme course content and design will be aligned with the skill needs of the industry, and new courses will be introduced to address emerging needs to create a future-ready skill work force to meet the dynamic needs of India's economy and enhancing industrial value addition.

(c) The scheme is proposed to be implemented on a pan-India basis. All sections of society including marginalized and deprived communities are expected to benefit from the said initiative.

(d) & (e) As per the scheme announced in Union Budget 2024, over 20 lakh Trainees and Trainers of 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and 5 National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) to be benefitted over a period of five years. Though the duration of the scheme is five years, the proposed interventions like upgradation of infrastructure, capacity building initiatives, industry alignment, training of trainers under the proposed new scheme will continue to support, enhanced skill training beyond the scheme duration.
