

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1636**  
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**UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS IN RURAL AREAS IN TAMIL NADU**

1636. SHRI MANI A:

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

- (a) the details on the current skill development programmes specifically targeting unemployed youths in rural areas including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the number of rural youths who have benefitted from skill development initiatives during the last three years in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the total budget allocation for the said programmes targeting unemployed youths in rural areas for the current financial year;
- (d) the number of skill training centres that have been established in rural areas as part of the Government's skill development initiatives; and
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government to ensure that these training centres are accessible to youths in remote villages?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) Under the Government 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 areas of Tamil Nadu. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills. The brief of these schemes is as under:

**Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY):** Under PMKVY skill development training is imparted through Short-Term Training (STT) and Up-skilling and Re-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country including rural areas.

**Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme:** The main target of the JSS is to impart vocational skills to the non-literates, neo-literates and 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.

(b) to (e) The current number of Training Centres and youths trained in Tamil Nadu under the skill development schemes of MSDE viz. PMKVY, JSS, NAPS and CTS (ITIs) during last three years are as under:

Name of Scheme	Number of Training Centres	Number of persons trained (2021-22 to 2023-24)
PMKVY	473	71,595
JSS	9	48,609
NAPS	2892*	2,23,793
CTS (ITIs)	456^	1,10,653

\*Under NAPS scheme, the data is for number of establishments.

^Under CTS scheme, the data pertains to total number of ITIs including both government and private.

Funds under PMKVY and JSS are released to implementing agencies to meet the cost of training as per the Common Norms prescribed by MSDE. Funds released under PMKVY and JSS during 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the State of Tamil Nadu is given in the table below:

Scheme	Funds Released (Rs. Crore)	
	2023-24	2024-25 (till date)
PMKVY	41.52	25.95
JSS	4.32	2.30

Day-to-day administration as well as financial control in respect of ITIs lies with the respective State Government/Union Territory Administration. Under NAPS, stipend support upto Rs. 1,500 is provided through DBT to Apprentices engaged by establishments.

The training under the skill development programmes through schemes mentioned above is provided to all the sections of the society including women, differently-abled persons and other marginalized groups. Training centres are set up on need basis. To encourage participation of women, differently-abled persons and other marginalized groups in the Skill development Programmes, special provisions have been made in the Common Cost Norms (CCN), in terms of reimbursement of boarding & lodging and conveyance costs. Under CCN, specific provisions have also been made to encourage participation of candidates living in Special Areas, such as NE States and Hilly States. Under PMKVY, training programs in sectors like Electronics, Retail, Healthcare, Beauty & Wellness, Handicrafts and Apparel are structured to attract higher participation from women. Also, projects are designed to align with local skill demands, creating opportunities for rural women to participate and benefit from skill development scheme. Further, there are 324 ITIs & 19 National Skill Training Institutes for women. Under the JSS scheme, focus is also being given to women and other vulnerable sections by giving age relaxations and since July 2018, coverage of women beneficiaries under the scheme has been around 82% of the total beneficiaries.

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