

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES CURRENTLY OPERATED IN PUNJAB

1757. SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER:

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

- (a) the details of the ongoing projects and schemes under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship currently operational in the State of Punjab including the details of scope, beneficiaries and progress status;
- (b) whether there are any national skill development schemes or projects that are not being implemented in Punjab, if so, the reasons for their non-implementation;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the implementation of such schemes in Punjab; and
- (d) whether there are any specific timelines or action plans to address this and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d) Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), 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 Punjab. 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): PMKVY 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 including rural areas. The eligible age group under PMKVY is 15-59 years.

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. The eligibility criteria for admission into ITIs is 8th, 10th or 12th pass depending upon the trade/course, and the minimum age criteria is 14 years.

The number of persons trained in Punjab under the skill development schemes of MSDE viz. PMKVY, JSS, NAPS and CTS (ITIs) are as under:

Name of Scheme	Number of persons trained
PMKVY (2015-16 till 31.12.2024)	1,28,913
JSS (2018-19 till 28.02.2025)	20,433
NAPS (2018-19 till 28.02.2025)	63,496
CTS (ITIs) (Session 2018 to 2024)	2,91,278
