GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 2687 ANSWERED ON 17/03/2025

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING SCHEME (NATS)

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Will the MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state :

(a) the current status of National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS);

(b) the number of students and organizations enrolled under the scheme, year-wise for the past three years and State-wise; and

(c) whether the Government is facing any challenges in its implementation of the Scheme and if so, the steps being taken to address them?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) is a flagship scheme of Government of India for on-the-job training and skilling of Indian youth. It is implemented by the Ministry of Education through four regional Boards of Apprenticeship Training/Practical Training (BoATs/BoPT) located at Mumbai, Kanpur, Chennai and Kolkata.

NATS provides apprenticeship training to fresh graduates, diploma holders and degree apprentices. The prescribed minimum stipend for Graduate/Degree apprentices is INR 9,000 per month and for Technician/Diploma apprentices is INR 8,000 per month. Government of India provides 50% of the prescribed minimum stipend for apprentices.

NATS has engaged 1.48 lakh, 2.68 lakh and 2.57 lakh apprentices in the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 respectively. In the current financial year over 4.73 Lakh new apprentices have been engaged as on 11th March 2025.

The government launched NATS 2.0 portal to bring students, industry and Higher Education Institutions(HEIs) on single platform. Through NATS 2.0 portal, the government has started disbursing its share of the stipend through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism. Till date, over 8.81 Lakh successful DBT transactions have been carried out.

To encourage enrolment under NATS, several outreach activities have been conducted in the form of Apprenticeship Fairs, Career Guidance Programmes, and Industry–Institute meets. Further, to improve the reach of NATS, an MoU has been signed with CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd. to leverage the CSC network.

The state-wise details of apprentices engaged, and industries registered in the last three financial years are mentioned in Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE - I

The number of apprentices engaged, and Industries registered under the scheme, year-wise for the past three financial years, and state-wise is given below:

	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
State	Total apprentices engaged	Total industries registered till date	Total apprentices engaged	Total industries registered till date	Total apprentices engaged	Total industries registered till date
Andaman & Nicobar Island	20	12	32	12	19	12
Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	4793	34	12706	57	9565	188
Arunachal Pradesh	93	26	71	22	15	22
Assam	1279	282	1967	244	1380	287
Bihar	914	167	4621	379	7112	538
Chandigarh	49	38	270	51	800	108
Chhattisgarh	1,050	85	2,535	92	847	100
Daman-Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	119	39	186	41	215	47
Delhi	2029	234	3257	324	6499	431
Goa	529	118	766	123	798	137
Gujarat	4,824	841	8,278	987	9,516	1083
Haryana	4252	795	16275	985	25691	1310
Himachal Pradesh	527	83	486	200	1106	317
J&K and Ladakh	29	73	158	88	272	102
Jharkhand	2800	319	3751	324	3387	482
Karnataka	6402	20	10314	152	11113	330
Kerala & Lakshadweep	2555	12	8145	93	8478	138
Madhya Pradesh	1,191	229	2,278	250	2,239	280
Maharashtra	34,539	1862	55,664	2099	50,048	2466
Manipur	33	13	29	13	3	13
Meghalaya	31	12	29	12	67	12
Mizoram	28	31	43	33	33	33
Nagaland	3	10	4	13	10	16
Odisha	21798	491	34938	565	15538	679
Puducherry	304	3	718	31	422	25
Punjab	390	114	480	136	2614	195
Rajasthan	945	151	4492	340	7467	340
Sikkim	475	26	405	35	601	40
Tamil Nadu	33332	58	45967	232	28453	408
Tripura	120	21	189	23	141	23
Uttar Pradesh	6734	862	16846	1049	11587	1227
Uttarakhand	696	128	3084	164	1779	194
West Bengal	15629	467	29250	618	49890	678
TOTAL	148512	7656	268234	9787	257705	12261