

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION: 2753**  
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**CRAFT INSTRUCTOR TRAINING SCHEME (CITS)**

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

(a) the number of individuals from Tamil Nadu trained under the Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) at National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) across the country, particularly at the Chennai NSTI, during the last five years;

(b) the specific trades and disciplines offered at the Chennai NSTI under CITS and whether these align with the industrial and employment needs of the said State;

(c) if so, the current staffing levels, including the number of instructors and vacancies at the Chennai NSTI and the manner in which it affects the quality and availability of training programmes in the said State;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to promote awareness about CITS in said State and to ensure that individuals from under-represented regions of the State benefit from the scheme; and

(e) whether any assessments or feedback mechanisms implemented to measure the impact of CITS programs on employment outcomes and skill development in said State and if so, the details of the findings thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) The Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the Ministry of Skill Development of Entrepreneurship (MSDE), runs the Crafts Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) with an objective to provide comprehensive training, in both hands-on skills and training methodology to the instructor trainees to make them conversant with techniques for training skilled manpower for the industry. CITS is offered through a network of 33 National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs)

(19 Women & 14 General) & 120 Institute for Training of Trainers (IToTs) (109 State Govts & 11 Private owned) across the country.

National Skill Training Institute, Chennai in the state of Tamil Nadu runs the Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) in 13 different trades. In addition, it also runs some courses in the Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) and the Advanced Vocational Training Scheme (AVTS).

The details of number of trainees trained under the Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) from NSTIs/Institute of Training of Trainers (ITOTs) across the country and particularly in NSTI, Chennai during the last five years is tabulated below-

Sl. No.	Institutes/No of Trainees	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	All NSTIs & IToTs	8563	9123	8177	9917	9245
2	NSTI Chennai	729	832	589	510	307
3	No. of trainees from Tamil Nadu State trained in NSTI Chennai	07	21	03	75	34

(b) The following courses are offered under the Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) at NSTI, Chennai.

Sl. No.	Trade	Intake capacity
1.	Computer Software Application	75
2.	Draughtsman Civil	25
3.	Electrician	75
4.	Electronics Mechanic	25
5.	Fitter	75
6.	Mechanic Diesel	50
7.	Mechanic Motor Vehicle	50
8.	Plumber	100
9.	Sewing Technology	50
10.	Surveyor	25
11.	Tool & Die Maker	25
12.	Welder	75
13.	Wood Work Technician	25

In addition to CITS, NSTI Chennai also offers various New Age courses under Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) to make the trainees industry ready.

The details of CTS courses offered at NSTI, Chennai is given below:

Sl. No.	Trade	Intake capacity
1.	Additive Manufacturing Technician (3D Printing)	20
2.	Drone Technician	20
3.	Solar Technician (Electrical)	20
4.	Artificial Intelligence Programming Assistant	24

Additionally, Advance Vocational Training scheme (AVTS) is being run to train the workforce from the industries, PSUs and local bodies to continuously hone the skills of industrial workforce for higher productivity. Under AVTS, 5621 trainees have been trained during the last five years.

(c) The current staff position at NSTI Chennai is given below:

Sl. No	Post	Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
1	Training Officer	39	17	22
2	VI/JTA/SK	27	1	26
3	Sr Draughtsman	2	0	2

In order to fill the vacancy of Training Officers /Vocational Instructors, the recruitment process is already initiated.

(d) In order to make the awareness about CITS programme among the individuals, a brochure is printed and publicity is done through advertisement in all major national newspapers in various languages. The NSTI also advertises the courses locally in order to ensure regional participation. The centralised registration process for admission in CITS courses is done through a portal to ensure transparency. To ensure that all sections benefit from CITS programmes, the central government reservation policy is also followed.

Additionally, CITS programmes under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) are also run for the existing instructors/trainers of the State Governments.

(e) Though there is no formal assessments or feedback mechanisms to measure the impact of CITS programs on employment outcomes and skill development, the institutes have Training and Placement cell, which help trainees for On-the-Job (OJT) training, industrial visits, placement in industries through placement drives.

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