

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3788
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025

NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE FOR SKILLING

3788. Dr. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

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

- (a) the details of the five National Centres of Excellence for Skilling proposed to be set up with global expertise and partnerships across the country, including the specific sectors and industries these centres will focus on;
- (b) the details of the funds estimated for these centres;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that these centres are accessible to youth from rural, tribal and economically disadvantaged areas across the country;
- (d) the total capacity of each National Centre of Excellence in terms of training infrastructure, including the number of trainers and students to be trained annually;
- (e) whether the Government has plan to monitor and evaluate the success and impact of these centres on employment opportunities and skill enhancement in the country; and
- (f) whether the Government is proposing to set up the centre in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) Sir, Five National Centres of Excellence (COEs) for Skilling have been announced in the Union Budget 2025-26 to equip our youth with the skills required for the "Make for India, Make for the World" manufacturing initiative. As per the budget announcement, global expertise and partnerships are proposed for curriculum design, training of trainers, a skills certification framework, and periodic reviews of the COEs. This announcement is in continuation of the Budget announcement made in July 2024, which, inter alia, included the capacity augmentation of five National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs). The five National COEs for skilling are also proposed to be set up in five NSTIs to be selected. Various stakeholder consultations are planned to identify key sectors, global partners, and to define roles, responsibilities, and collaboration mechanisms between the government, industry stakeholders, and global institutions.

(b) The cost estimate for the five COEs has been included in the National Scheme for Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) Upgradation, announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, for the upgradation of 1,000 ITIs and the capacity augmentation of five NSTIs, with a total outlay of Rs. 60,000 crore. However, the final estimates for five COEs are proposed to be determined based on consultations with industry and global partners.

(c) Sir, these National COEs for Skilling will cater to the training needs of various sections of society, including youth from rural, tribal, and economically disadvantaged areas across the country. Further, the provision of hostels has also been proposed for NSTI to make the institutes more accessible to the youths.

(d) The National COEs for Skilling are proposed to be set up in NSTIs. These NSTIs are responsible for imparting training to instructor trainees in techniques for transferring hands-on skills and training methodologies. These offer courses such as the Crafts Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) and the Advanced Vocational Training Scheme (AVTS), etc. These institutes are equipped with infrastructure and equipment as per the course design and curriculum of the courses they are teaching. They also have a pool of trade-specific Training Officers and Vocational Instructors. There are a total of 33 NSTIs across the country, and the number of courses offered in each on of them along seating capacity is attached at **Annexure I**.

(e) Yes, Sir. The provision for monitoring and evaluating the outcomes is proposed to be included in the guidelines of new scheme for both ITIs and NSTIs.

(f) Sir, various stakeholder consultations are planned to finalise the identification of five NSTIs for setting up of National COEs for skilling.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARA (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3788 DUE FOR REPLY ON 24-03-2025

Table: Brief on enrolment in NSTIs

S. No.	Name of National Skill Training Institute (NSTI)	Year (2024-25)	
		Number of Courses Offered	Total Seating Capacity
NSTI - General			
1	NSTI Dehradun	6	345
2	NSTI Calicut	9	262
3	NSTI Howrah	24	836
4	NSTI Ludhiana	15	588
5	NSTI Haldwani	6	295
6	NSTI Bhubaneshwar	6	195
7	NSTI -R Hyderabad	7	270
8	NSTI Bengaluru	7	323
9	NSTI Kanpur	16	859
10	NSTI V Hyderabad	10	405
11	NSTI Jamshedpur	1	50
12	NSTI Chennai	17	759
13	NSTI Jodhpur	8	394
14	NSTI Mumbai	13	693
NSTI - Women			
15	NSTI (W) Agartala	8	193
16	NSTI (W) Allahabad	16	596
17	NSTI (W) Bengaluru	15	411
18	NSTI (W) Goa	3	74
19	NSTI (W) Hyderabad	9	246
20	NSTI (W) Indore	12	359
21	NSTI (W) Jaipur	13	479
22	NSTI (W) Jammu	3	75
23	NSTI (W) Kolkata	8	265
24	NSTI (W) Mumbai	8	240
25	NSTI (W) Noida	23	798
26	NSTI (W) Panipat	15	442
27	NSTI (W) Patna	6	142
28	NSTI (W) Mohali	3	125
29	NSTI (W) Shimla	4	123
30	NSTI (W) Trichy	3	73
31	NSTI (W) Trivandrum	15	382
32	NSTI (W) Tura	8	231
33	NSTI (W) Vadodara	15	454