

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *205
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

ITI UPGRADATION SCHEME

*205 Ms. KANGNA RANAUT:
SHRI GODAM NAGESH:

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

- (a) the key objectives and components of the newly approved National Scheme for Industrial Training Institute (ITI) upgradation along with the proposed areas of improvement in infrastructure, curriculum and industry linkage across the country, State/UT-wise including Jammu;
- (b) the total budgetary allocation for the said Scheme, State/UT-wise, particularly for Jammu along with the mechanism for fund disbursal to the States and ITIs during the current financial year;
- (c) the list of approved ITIs and their budget allocation, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of ITIs identified for upgradation in North East Delhi and Sidhi Lok Sabha Constituency of Madhya Pradesh and Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to integrate the Centres of Excellence for skill development with the existing ITIs in the country including Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan and especially in Jalore and Sirohi?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *205 ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025 ASKED BY Ms. KANGNA RANAUT & SHRI GODAM NAGESH REGARDING “ITI UPGRADATION SCHEME”.

(a) The Cabinet has approved a National Scheme for Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and setting up of five National Centres of Excellence (NCoEs) for skilling to enhance the overall quality and relevance of vocational training in the country.

The key objectives of the scheme are:

- i. To improve the quality of training delivery in ITIs and NSTIs;
- ii. To modernize infrastructure and equipment as per industry standards;
- iii. To introduce industry-aligned long-term and short-term courses, especially in new and emerging sectors;
- iv. To strengthen industry linkage for demand-driven skilling and better employment outcomes; and
- v. To enhance the capacity of National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) for training of trainers.

The scheme comprises of two components:

- i. Component I – Upgradation of 1,000 Government ITIs (200 Hub ITIs and 800 Spoke ITIs) in a Hub and Spoke model. These ITIs will be upgraded with smart classrooms, modern labs, digital content, and new courses aligned to industry needs.
- ii. Component II – Capacity Augmentation of five NSTIs located in Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana, including setting-up sector-specific National Centres of Excellence for skilling, with focus on advanced training of trainers with global partnership.

Implementation of the scheme will be through Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) formed in partnership with Anchor Industry Partners (AIPs) to ensure skill training relevance and outcome-based delivery. Selection of ITIs will be led by State/UT Governments in consultation with industry. The scheme will be implemented pan-India, including in Union Territories such as Jammu & Kashmir, based on proposals received from States/UTs.

(b) The total estimated outlay of the scheme is ₹60,000 crore, with contributions from the Central Government (₹30,000 crore), State Governments (₹20,000 crore), and Industry Partners (₹10,000 crore) over a five-year period.

States/UTs are required to submit proposals based on interest and readiness, including industry collaboration. State/UT-wise budgetary allocations will be made accordingly. Disbursement of funds will be linked to approval of Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs) submitted by the AIP for each cluster, detailing infrastructure, equipment, course alignment and training outcomes.

(c) & (d) The selection of ITIs and corresponding State/UT-wise budget allocations will depend on the proposals received from State/UT Governments, subject to readiness and industry collaboration. Specific clusters of ITIs, including in North East Delhi, Sidhi Lok Sabha Constituency (Madhya Pradesh), and Dakshina Kannada (Karnataka), will be considered based on proposals received from State/UT Governments in consultation with industry partners.

(e) Under the scheme, five National Centres of Excellence for Skilling are to be setup within National Skill Training Institutes located at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana. These Centres will focus on advanced training of trainers, industry-led skilling programmes, and exposure to global practices. They will also conduct capacity building programmes for instructors and staff of ITIs, for which States/UTs may depute faculty from time to time. These Centres will be available to ITIs across the country, and may also cater to institutions in States such as Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, including districts like Jalore and Sirohi, based on proposals received and in accordance with scheme guidelines and State/UT participation.