

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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ITI UP-SCALING PROJECT

1362. SMT. SAJDA AHMED:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Up-Scaling Project to modernize ITIs with focus on AI, robotics, and climate-friendly technologies;
- (b) if so, the main objectives, funding details and steps taken/being taken by the Government to address long-standing skill gaps in the workforce;
- (c) the number of ITIs in West Bengal, especially in Howrah district, selected under the said project; and
- (d) whether targets have been set up to improve placement rates and employability of ITI graduates 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) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Cabinet has approved National Scheme for Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and setting up National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) for skilling, at an estimated cost of ₹60,000 crore (Central Share: ₹30,000 crore, State Share: ₹20,000 crore, and Industry Share: ₹10,000 crore). The scheme aims to upgrade 1,000 ITIs through hub-and-spoke arrangements, focusing on outcome orientation in collaboration with state governments and industry. Under the scheme, course content and design will be aligned with industry skill needs, and new courses will be introduced to address emerging areas such as AI, robotics, and climate-friendly technologies, with the objective of creating a future-ready skilled workforce to meet the dynamic needs of India's economy and enhance industrial value addition. Provision for training of trainers has also been included under the scheme.

(c) The scheme aims to upgrade a total of one-thousand (1,000) Government ITIs across the country in hub-and-spoke model. No State-wise allocation have been made under the scheme.

d) Yes, Sir. The scheme sets clear targets to improve placement rates and employability through defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). Upgraded ITIs will offer industry-aligned courses, On-the-Job Training (OJT), and stronger industry partnerships to enhance employment outcomes for graduates.
