

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3956**  
ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

**UPGRADATION OF ITIs**

3956. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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

- (a) the methodology being followed in shortlisting the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to be upgraded under the National Scheme for Industrial Training Institute upgradation and whether any priority is being given to rural and economically backward areas like the Jhalawar-Baran region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government is contemplating any measures to overhaul the curriculum of over 15034 ITIs across the country to bring them in line with contemporary needs of the industry and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to increase proliferation of vocational education in rural and backward regions?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) 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. The selection of ITIs will be led by State/UT Governments in consultation with industry ensuring alignment with emerging skill needs and local industrial potential. Accordingly, States/UTs are required to submit proposals for upgradation of ITI clusters to be done in collaboration with industry partners. The selection of ITIs will depend on the proposals received from State/UT Governments, subject to readiness and industry collaboration. The scheme will be implemented pan-India, including areas such as the Jhalawar-Baran region, based on proposals from State/UT Governments.

Under the scheme, course content and design will be aligned with industry skill needs, and new courses will be introduced to address emerging areas. In addition existing courses will be upgraded, with the objective of creating a future-ready skilled workforce to meet the dynamic needs of India's economy and enhance industrial value addition, benefitting all ITIs across the country.

(c) As per the Cabinet approval, the scheme is proposed to be implemented pan-India, including rural and economically backward regions, with a target of skilling about 20 lakh youth over five years in industry-aligned courses, ensuring convergence between local workforce supply and industry demand. It is proposed to benefit all sections of society, including women and marginalised groups, by improving infrastructure, introducing courses relevant to local economies, and strengthening industry linkages.

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