

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4036**  
ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

**REGION-SPECIFIC TRAINING MODULES IN JALAPAIGURI**

4036. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce region-specific skill training modules for tea industry, eco-tourism and forest-based livelihoods in Jalpaiguri and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any partnerships with local Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) or Polytechnics in Jalpaiguri have been established for certified skill development; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country including Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills.

PMKVY is demand-driven and sector-agnostic scheme, covering multiple trades relevant to local economies, including those connected to tourism, hospitality, agriculture, and handicrafts. Under PMKVY, there are 08 job roles related to tea industry, eco-tourism and forest-based livelihoods in Jalpaiguri district and 11,159 candidates have been trained under these trades in Jalpaiguri district since 2015-16 (as on 30.06.2025).

Collaborations with ITIs/polytechnics are enabled wherever feasible through convergence with State government initiatives and the Skill Hub Initiative. In Jalapiguri District of West Bengal, there are 08 ITIs, out of which, 7 are Government ITIs and 01 is Private ITI.

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