

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION 4102**  
ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

**DRONE TRAINING AT ITI SHAHPUR, KANGRA**

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

- (a) the number of persons imparted drone training so far at the ITI Shahpur in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh along with the number of students undergoing the said training at present;
- (b) the duration of the said drone training programme; and
- (c) the placement percentage of the said training programme?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (c): The Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), implements the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through a nationwide network of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to skill the youth of the country.

Under CTS, two drone-related skill training courses of six months' duration each—Drone Technician and Drone Pilot (Junior)—are currently offered in 27 ITIs across the country. However, these courses are not offered at Government ITI, Shahpur, located in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh.

In March 2022, the Department of Technical Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, to conduct a drone-related course at Government ITI, Shahpur, for a period of three years.

Under this initiative, 161 participants from various departments, organizations, institutions, and colleges received training in a five-day short-term drone-related course, namely Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA).

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