

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4556**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 20.08.2025

**GLOBAL CAPABILITY CENTRES IN BUDGET**

**4556. ADV. CHANDRA SHEKHAR:**

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government's focus on Industry 4.0 and Global Capability Centres in Budget 2025-26 prioritizes high-skill tech ecosystems but overlooks traditional skill sets prevalent among Schedule Caste (SC), Schedule Tribe (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities; and  
(b) the manner in which the Government is likely to integrate targeted digital skilling and entrepreneurship programmes for these groups, as per IMF/World Bank emphasis on reducing socio-economic disparities to ensure inclusive growth in high SC/ST/OBC population States?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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(a) and (b): As per National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), there are more than 1700 GCCs operating in India. The total revenue generated by these GCCs in last 5 years has grown from USD 40.4 billion in FY19 to USD 64.6 billion in FY24 with CAGR of 9.8%. GCCs have grown from being support centers for basic tasks to a research and development and design hubs. Together, these GCCs employ more than 19 lakhs persons in the country.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has initiated a programme titled “FutureSkills PRIME (Programme for Re-skilling/Up-skilling of IT Manpower for Employability)” aimed at re-skilling/ up-skilling of Indian workforce/Job aspirants in new/emerging technologies. FutureSkills PRIME programme follows an ‘aggregator of aggregators’ approach for digital skills training on a national scale. Online content from Indian and global providers is aggregated on the FutureSkills PRIME portal and made available to candidates, to facilitate anytime-anywhere learning, in line with their aptitude and aspirations. Under the FutureSkills PRIME programme, so far, more than 23.24 lakh candidates have registered on the portal, out of which there have been 14.08 lakh+ candidates enrolled/trained in various courses which includes persons from SC, ST and OBC communities.

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, including SC/ST and OBC, across the country as under:

<b>Scheme(s)</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>OBC</b>
PMKVY (since 2015-16 to 30.06.2025)	21,89,457	8,12,093	55,39,265
JSS (since 2018-19 to 31.03.2025)	7,75,958	4,11,876	11,45,044
NAPS (since 2018-19 to 30.06.2025)	4,94,045	1,87,277	11,94,239
CTS(ITIs) (Sessions 2018 to 2024)	20,54,537	7,50,164	43,17,245

Further, MSDE is aligning skill training programs with new-age /future skills requirements of Industry 4.0 as well as Global Capability Centres:

- (i) Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the aegis of MSDE has introduced new age /future skills courses under Craftsmen Training Scheme in ITIs and NSTIs to provide skill training in emerging areas such as AI/ML, Mechatronics, Internet of Things, Cybersecurity, Semiconductor, etc.
- (ii) Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) established at Ahmedabad and Mumbai, in Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode, provide training to create a pool of industry-ready workforce for Industry, equipped with cutting-edge technology and hands-on training
- (iii) DGT has signed MoU with IT Tech companies like IBM, CISCO, Microsoft, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Future Skill Rights Network, to ensure industry linkages for the institutes at the state and regional levels. These partnerships facilitate the provision of technical and professional skills training in modern technologies.
- (iv) PMKVY 4.0 has focus on new age skills like AI/ML, Web 3.0, IoT, etc. which are specially designed for upcoming market demand and industry requirements.

Under NAPS, the private establishments provide apprenticeship in designated and optional trades related digital skills including AI/ML.

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