FUNCTIONING ITIs IN TAMIL NADU

70: SHRI MANI A:

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

(a)   the number and details of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) functioning in Tamil Nadu, particularly in Dharmapuri district, including the courses offered and enrolment figures;

(b)   whether the Government has assessed the quality of training and infrastructure available in ITIs, particularly in the said district and if so, the outcome of such assessments;

(c)   whether the Government recognizes the need to improve the quality and relevance of training in ITIs, particularly in the said district and if so, the specific steps taken/being taken in this regard;

(d)   whether the Government proposes to establish any new ITIs at the Block or Panchayat level in Tamil Nadu, particularly in the said district and if so, the details thereof;

(e)   whether any specific measures have been taken by the Government to upgrade training standards, ensure industry linkage, and enhance employability of ITI graduates in Tamil Nadu, especially in the said district, and

(f)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) Sir, the Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) implements the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through a country wide network of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for the youth of the country.

At present, there are 14,615 ITIs established in the country, out of which, 3,316 are Government and 11,299 are Private ITIs.

In the State of Tamil Nadu, a total of 456 ITIs are currently operational, out of which 93 are Government and 363 are Private ITIs. In the Dharmapuri district, 3 ITIs are functioning (Government -1 and Private - 2).

District wise enrolment of trainees in ITIs in Tamil Nadu (including Dharmapuri) in the last three academic sessions (2022–23 to 2024–25) in ITIs is attached at **Annexure-1**.

The List of courses running under CTS in ITIs in Tamil Nadu and in Dharmapuri district is attached at **Annexure-2**.

(b) Sir, establishment and day to day administration of ITIs comes under the jurisdiction of respective State Government and UT Administration, while the policies such as setting the criterion for affiliation, conducting the examination along with certification and designing curriculum are the responsibilities of Central Government.
Respective State Government conducts periodic joint- inspections of the ITIs in coordination with Central Government. Based on which corrective actions are initiated and the ITIs that fail to comply with the prescribed affiliation norms are de-affiliated. This ensures that only ITIs maintaining the necessary standards in infrastructure, faculty qualifications, curriculum implementation, and training delivery continue to operate.

In Dharmapuri district, some units affiliated with ITIs were de-affiliated in January 2025 due to absence of admissions over the last six academic sessions (2018-2023), indicating underperformance and lack of demand.

(c) Sir, improving the quality of training in ITIs is a continuous process. Towards this, inter-alia, the standards and norms of affiliation of ITIs are reviewed periodically. The curriculum of courses under CTS is also updated regularly in consultation with industries to incorporate the latest technological advancements and industry requirements, ensuring that the skills imparted to trainees remain relevant.

Apart from these, DGT, had allocated funds under the following Schemes/Projects for upgradation of ITIs across the country including Tamil Nadu.

i.   Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE): Under the STRIVE scheme, financial assistance was provided to State Governments to improve the relevance and efficiency of skill development imparted through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and apprenticeship training. A total of 500 ITIs were selected across the country, including 32 ITIs from the State of Tamil Nadu. The scheme ended on 31st May 2024, and a total financial assistance of Rs 37.82 crore was provided to the State of Tamil Nadu under this scheme.
No ITI from Dharmapuri district was covered under this scheme.

ii. Upgradation of Government ITIs into Model ITIs scheme: Under this scheme, support was extended to 35 Government ITIs across 29 States/UTs, including Tamil Nadu. The scheme ended on 31st March 2024, and a total financial assistance of Rs. 3.99 crore was provided to the State of Tamil Nadu for the upgradation of ITI Coimbatore under the Model ITI scheme. No ITI from Dharmapuri district was covered under this scheme.

In addition, the Union Cabinet has also approved the National Scheme for ITI Upgradation and the setting up of National Centres of Excellence for Skilling to upgrade ITIs by improving the quality of training, aligning courses with industry needs, and promoting industry-led governance.

(d) Sir, establishment of ITIs including start of new courses comes under the jurisdiction of respective State Government, whenever a proposal is received from the States/UTs for the setting up of new ITIs, it is examined and decided as per the affiliation standards and norms.

(e) & (f) Sir, several state governments including Tamil Nadu have collaborated with industries to transform the Government ITIs into technology centres / hubs with modern infrastructure and training facilities to meet the industry 4.0 standards. These collaborations aim to equip Government ITIs with cutting-edge technology and industry-aligned curriculum to bridge the skill gap and prepare students for the demands of the evolving industrial landscape.

Further, DGT has also undertaken the following initiatives to enhance the employability of ITI trainees across the country including in Tamil Nadu.

i. The curriculum of courses under CTS is also updated regularly in consultation with industries to incorporate the latest technological advancements and industry requirements, ensuring that the skills imparted to trainees remain relevant.

ii. Each course under the CTS includes a compulsory subject on Employability Skills. This module focuses on essential skills such as behaviour, communication, IT proficiency, work ethics, and other attributes that enhance a trainee's ability to effectively work within a team and thrive in a professional environment.

iii. Dual System of Training (DST) has been introduced, wherein a significant portion of the training is hands-on and conducted within the industry itself. Under the DST framework, On-the-Job Training (OJT) is provided for a period of 6 to 12 months within industries for courses with a total duration of one or two years. This immersive approach integrates theoretical learning in ITIs with practical, real-world experience in industrial settings.

In the State of Tamil Nadu, DST is currently being implemented in 15 ITIs.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 70 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING FUNCTIONING ITIS IN TAMIL NADU

District wise enrolment in ITIs in Tamil Nadu State in last three academic sessions, i.e., from 2022-23 to 2024-25.

Sr.No	District	Session 2022	Session 2023	Session 2024
1	Ariyalur	625	821	694
2	Chengalpattu	793	916	766
3	Chennai	1,873	2,003	1,460
4	Coimbatore	1,323	1,398	1,270
5	Cuddalore	2,076	2,634	2,285
6	**Dharmapuri**	**344**	**397**	**360**
7	Dindigul	984	1,089	987
8	Erode	646	864	915
9	Kallakurichi	926	1,023	947
10	Kanchipuram	326	421	382
11	Kanniyakumari	974	939	950
12	Karur	322	339	283
13	Krishnagiri	555	607	573
14	Madurai	1,662	1,724	1,426
15	Mayiladuthurai	383	447	385
16	Nagapattinam	869	1,115	802
17	Namakkal	476	536	458
18	Perambalur	375	485	408
19	Pudukkottai	970	1,151	1,060
20	Ramanathapuram	873	996	764
21	Ranipettai	751	941	850
22	Salem	1,421	1,784	1,524
23	Sivaganga	596	629	434
24	Tenkasi	818	1,017	906
25	Thanjavur	1,760	1,800	1,574
26	The Nilgiris	401	585	481
27	Theni	985	1,181	1,025
28	Thiruvallur	1,015	1,324	1,103
29	Thiruvarur	531	607	699
30	Thoothukkudi	1,144	1,427	1,066
31	Tiruchirappalli	2,304	2,461	2,035
32	Tirunelveli	965	1,181	1,079
33	Tiruppathur	256	345	406
34	Tiruppur	729	991	920
35	Tiruvannamalai	1,523	1,903	1,545
36	Vellore	815	882	747
37	Villupuram	731	861	832
38	Virudhunagar	958	1,303	1,064
	Grand Total	**35,078**	**41,127**	**35,465**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 70 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025 REGARDING FUNCTIONING ITIS IN TAMIL NADU

List of courses offered under CTS in ITIs in Tamil Nadu State

Sr. No.	Name of Courses
1	Additive Manufacturing Technician Three D Printing
2	Advanced CNC Machining Technician
3	Architectural Draughtsman
4	Artificial Intelligence Programming Assistant
5	Basic Designer and Virtual Verifier (Mechanical)
6	Civil Engineer Assistant
7	Computer Aided Embroidery and Designing
8	Computer Hardware & Network Maintenance
9	Computer Operator & Programming Assistant (Vi & Od)
10	Computer Operator and Programming Assistant
11	Cosmetology
12	Cutting & Sewing (Vi & Od)
13	Dental Laboratory Equipment Technician
14	Desk Top Publishing Operator
15	Desktop Publishing Operator (Vi & Od)
16	Digital Photographer
17	Draughtsman (Civil)
18	Draughtsman (Mechanical)
19	Dress Making
20	Drone Technician
21	Electrician
22	Electronics Mechanic
23	Fashion Design & Technology
24	Fire Technology and Industrial Safety Management
25	Fitter
26	Food & Beverages Services Assistant
27	Food Production (General)
28	Footwear Maker
29	Foundryman
30	Front Office Assistant
31	Geriatric (Old Age) Care
32	Health Sanitary Inspector
33	Horticulture
34	Hospital House Keeping
35	Industrial Painter
36	Industrial Robotics and Digital Manufacturing Technician
37	Information Communication Technology System Maintenance
38	Information Technology
39	Instrument Mechanic
40	Instrument Mechanic (Chemical Plant)
41	Interior Design & Decoration
42	IoT Technician (Smart Agriculture)

43	IoT Technician (Smart City)
44	IoT Technician (Smart Healthcare)
45	Leather Goods Maker
46	Lift and Escalator Mechanic
47	Machinist
48	Machinist (Grinder)
49	Maintenance Mechanic (Chemical Plant)
50	Manufacturing Process Control and Automation
51	Marine Engine Fitter
52	Marine Fitter
53	Mechanic
54	Mechanic (Motor Vehicle)
55	Mechanic (Tractor)
56	Mechanic Agriculture Machinery
57	Mechanic Auto Body Repair
58	Mechanic Auto Electrical and Electronics
59	Mechanic Diesel
60	Mechanic Electric Vehicle
61	Mechanic Machine Tool Maintenance
62	Mechanic Two & Three-Wheeler
63	Multimedia Animation & Special Effects
64	Operator Advanced Machine Tools
65	Painter General
66	Plastic Processing Operator
67	Plumber
68	Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technician
69	Secretarial Practice (English)
70	Sewing Technology
71	Sheet Metal Worker
72	Smartphone Technician Cum App Tester
73	Solar Technician (Electrical)
74	Spinning Technician
75	Stenographer & Secretarial Assistant (English)
76	Surface Ornamentation Techniques (Embroidery)
77	Surveyor
78	Technician Electronics System Design and Repair
79	Technician Mechatronics
80	Technician Medical Electronics
81	Technician Power Electronics System
82	Textile Mechatronics
83	Textile Wet Processing Technician
84	Tool & Die Maker (Dies & Moulds)
85	Tool & Die Maker (Press Tools, Jigs & Fixtures)
86	Turner
87	Vessel Navigator
88	Welder
89	Welder (Fabrication & Fitting)
90	Welder (GMAW & GTAW)

91	Welder (Pipe)
92	Welder (Structural)
93	Welder (Welding & Inspection)
94	Wireman
95	Wood Work Technician

List of courses offered under CTS in ITIs in Dharmapuri district, Tamil Nadu

Sr. No.	Name of Courses
1	Advanced CNC Machining Technician
2	Basic Designer and Virtual Verifier (Mechanical)
3	Computer Operator and Programming Assistant
4	Draughtsman (Civil)
5	Electrician
6	Fitter
7	Industrial Robotics and Digital Manufacturing Technician
8	Machinist
9	Mechanic (Motor Vehicle)
10	Mechanic Diesel
11	Mechanic Electric Vehicle
12	Turner
13	Welder
14	Wireman

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