

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2317
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

STATUS OF SECTOR SKILL COUNCILS

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

- (a) the total number of Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) operational in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh particularly in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and district Raigad and Pune and Madhya Pradesh including Balaghat Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) the mandate of these SSCs in identifying skill gaps and setting competency standards, particularly for key sectors in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh such as manufacturing, logistics, healthcare and tourism sectors;
- (c) the details of skill needs identified by SSCs in the said States with a district-wise breakdown including rural/tribal areas;
- (d) whether National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) provides support to training providers operating in the said States especially within the MMR; and
- (e) the specifics of NSDC support, including funding, curriculum development, and certification for training providers in the said States?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) are set up as industry-focused autonomous organizations rather than state-specific bodies, with a total of 36 SSCs listed at Annexure-I. SSC's are mandated to define industry-aligned skill standards, assess workforce requirements, and promote sector-specific training programs. These councils periodically publish skill gap and skill assessment reports, which primarily provide insights at the national or sectoral level, highlighting workforce requirements, emerging job roles, and training needs across various industries. The key details of skill gap studies conducted by SSC's in major sectors of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh state is given at Annexure-II.

(d) to (e): NSDC provides structured support to training providers, including enterprises, start-ups, companies, and civil society organizations, to strengthen skill development initiatives across India. This support includes onboarding and accreditation of training centres, quality assurance, monitoring training outcomes, facilitating industry linkages, enabling assessments. Training providers deliver skill training aligned with the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF), targeting unemployed youth, school dropouts, underprivileged communities, and individuals seeking employability enhancement, while also addressing industry workforce needs. The training targets are allocated based on sector demand, performance, geography, while promoting private sector participation, providing capacity building, quality assurance and digital tools to enhance training effectiveness, ensuring that training outcomes lead to improved employment, self-employment, or entrepreneurial opportunities. These modalities apply across States, including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, with the scope of support depending on scheme provisions, approvals, and the performance of individual training providers.

ANNEXURES REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2317 ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025 REGARDING 'STATUS OF SECTOR SKILL COUNCILS'

Annexure-I

List of 36 Sector Skill Councils

S.No	Name of SSC
1	Aerospace & Aviation Sector Skill Council
2	Agriculture Skill Council of India
3	Apparel, Madeups& Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council
4	Automotive Skills Development Council
5	Banking, Financial Services & Insurance Sector Skill Council of India
6	Beauty & Wellness Sector Skill Council
7	Capital Goods & Strategic Skill Council
8	Construction Skill Development Council of India
9	Home Management and Care Givers Sector Skill Council
10	Electronics Sector Skill Council of India
11	Food Industry Capacity & Skill Initiative
12	Furniture & Fittings Skill Council
13	The Gem & Jewellery Skill Council of India
14	Handicrafts & Carpets Sector Skill Council
15	Healthcare Sector Skill Council
16	Hydrocarbon Sector Skill Council
17	Indian Iron & Steel Sector Skill Council
18	Infrastructure Equipment Skill Council
19	Instrumentation Automation Surveillance & Communication Sector Skill Council
20	IT-ITeS Sector Skill Council
21	Leather Sector Skill Council
22	Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council
23	Logistics Sector Skill Council
24	Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council
25	Media & Entertainment Skills Council
26	Power Sector Skill Council
27	Retail Associated Skill Council of India
28	Rubber, Chemical & Polymer Skill Development Council
29	Skill Council for Green Jobs
30	Skill Council for Mining Sector
31	Skill Council for PwD
32	Sports, Physical Education, Fitness and Leisure Sector Skill Council
33	Telecom Sector Skill Council of India
34	Textile Sector Skill Council
35	Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council
36	Water Management & Plumbing Skill Council

Key Details of Skill Gap Studies Conducted by SSC's in Maharashtra & Madhya Pradesh

S No.	Name of the SSC	Key details
1	Logistics Sector Skill Council	The Logistics Sector Skill Council's 2024 Skill Gap and Manpower Demand Report forecasts significant workforce requirements in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh through 2030. Maharashtra shows an incremental demand of 4,20,526 personnel, driven mainly by land transportation, courier & express services, warehousing, cold chain, rail logistics, EXIM, air cargo, port terminals, and inland waterways. Key districts such as Pune, Mumbai Metropolitan Region, and Raigad will see high demand for drivers (LGV/HGV), delivery executives, warehouse and forklift operators, air-cargo roles, EXIM documentation staff, and port/ICD/CFS workers. Madhya Pradesh is projected to require 2,45,646 additional workers, predominantly in land transport, courier services, warehousing, cold chain, rail logistics, EXIM, air cargo, and ICD–CFS operations. Districts like Balaghat alone reflect notable demand, with around 2,300 roles in land transportation, 560 in express services, and 210 in warehousing and cold chain.
2	Food Industry Capacity & Skill Initiative	The Food Industry Skill Council (FISCI) published a Skill Gap Report in 2022 that estimates the state-wise employment generation potential for the food processing sector through 2030. As per the report, the food processing sector's employment generation potential till 2030 is estimated at 171,319 in Maharashtra and 36,119 in Madhya Pradesh. The following represent the sub-sector wise demand at the national level between FY'20 and FY'30: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dairy: 2,73,571 ○ Fish & Sea food: 2,59,201 ○ Bread & Bakery: 1,86,750 ○ Milling: 1,23,335
3	Beauty & Wellness Sector Skill Council	The Beauty and Wellness Sector Skill Council's 2022 Skill Gap Report estimates strong employment potential in the sector through 2030, projecting the need for 12,06,102 additional professionals in Maharashtra and 8,54,508 in Madhya Pradesh. Although state-specific subsector and job-role details are unavailable, the national-level forecast for FY'22–FY'30 highlights major demand across a wide spectrum of roles in Beauty & Salon services, Alternate Therapies, Aesthetic Skin Services, Rejuvenation and Spa, Products Manufacturing & Sales, Yoga, Fitness, and Weight Management . Key occupations expected to witness high demand include beauty therapists, cosmetologists, makeup artists, hair stylists, nail technicians, wellness and spa therapists, yoga trainers, personal trainers, dermatology and laser technicians, slimming and body therapists, and beauty product specialists etc.—reflecting the sector's rapid expansion across beauty, wellness, fitness, and holistic health domains.
4	Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council	The Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council's 2024 Skill Gap Report estimates strong employment generation potential in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh through 2028. Maharashtra, with its diverse tourism economy encompassing business hubs, heritage cities, religious circuits, coastal and nature-based destinations, is projected to require 3.4 lakh skilled workers in the next five years. Mumbai alone will need over 18,000, while Pune, Nashik, Shirdi, and Lonavala will collectively account for significant demand across hotels, cafés, quick service restaurants, homestays, and tour operations. Priority roles include guest service associates, front office executives, food and beverage stewards, kitchen staff, tour guides, homestay managers, and naturalists. Madhya Pradesh is projected to require over 1.2 lakh skilled workers in tourism and hospitality over the next five years. Indore , as the state's commercial and culinary hub, will lead with demand for more than 29,000 professionals across hotels, restaurants, quick service restaurants, and event

		venues. The Ujjain–Omkareshwar pilgrimage corridor is expected to generate demand for over 24,000 skilled workers in guiding services, housekeeping, and food and beverage operations. The Bhopal–Raisen–Sehore cluster, focused on MICE and city tourism, will need over 8,700 workers, while Balaghat , near the Kanha–Pench wildlife belt, will emphasize eco-tourism and community-driven travel, requiring naturalists, community tour guides, homestay operators, and basic hospitality staff. Priority roles across the state include guest service associates, kitchen helpers, front office associates, tour guides, walk tour facilitators, homestay managers, and wildlife tourism naturalists.			
5	Handicrafts and Carpet SSC	As per the study submitted by the Handicrafts and Carpet Sector Skill Council (SSC) in December 2025, the following table present the short-term and long-term demand aggregation for Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.			
		State	Demand aggregation in next 2 to 3 years	Demand aggregation in next 9 to 10 years	Prominent crafts
		Madhya Pradesh	Approx. 1,20,000	Approx. 10,00,000	Zari & Zardozi Embroidery, Bagh Print (Hand block printing), Dhokra (Lost-wax metal casting), Stone Carving, Wood carving, Leather Toys (Stuffed), Bamboo & Cane Work
		Maharashtra	Approx. 1,00,000	Approx. 5,00,000	Kolhapuri Chappals, Bidriware, Copper & Brassware, Warli Paintings, Wooden Toys (Sawantwadi), Lac Bangles, Pithora Paintings, Gond Handicrafts (Tribal Art)
