

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2399
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Vocational Education under NEP 2020

2399. Shri Tangella Uday Srinivas:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schools in the country that are eligible to introduce vocational education under NEP 2020 along with the number of schools that have actually introduced it, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of students who have received vocational exposure, including through "bagless days", internships with artisans, industry partners or skill institutions, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the number of schools that have established vocational skill labs, workshops or related infrastructure as recommended in NEP 2020, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the progress made towards achieving the NEP target of providing vocational exposure to atleast 50 per cent of learners by 2025;
- (e) the funds allocated, released and utilised for vocationalisation of school education in the country, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (f) whether any gaps, delays or challenges have been identified in its implementation, if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to accelerate compliance with NEP vocational education mandates?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (g): Education is in the concurrent list of Schedule 7 of the Constitution of India. Government of India and State Government, both are responsible for formulation and execution of policies related to Education.

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommends integration of skill education programmes into mainstream education in all education institutions in a phased manner. Focus areas for skill education are chosen based on skill gap analysis and mapping of local opportunities.

The Government of India provides financial assistance for the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, as per the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) prepared by the respective State/UTs based on their requirement and as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme and availability of budgetary resources.

Pre-vocational exposure for students of Classes VI to VIII is supported under the Innovation component of Samagra Shiksha. Exposure to skill education at this stage enables students to explore job-related skills across various sectors and supports them in making informed subject choices. A key intervention for skill exposure is the implementation of the 10-day bagless period for students of Classes VI to VIII, during which students intern with local experts such as artisans, gardeners and craft persons. Approximately 3.03 Cr. students have been exposed

to the pre-vocational exposure and 10 bagless days initiatives up to the year 2024-25. State/UT-wise details of students exposed to both the above initiatives is placed at Annexure-I.

Under the Skill Education component of this scheme, National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) aligned skill courses are offered to the students from class 9th to 12th. At the Secondary level i.e., Class IX and X, skill courses are offered to the students as an additional subject. At Sr. Secondary level, i.e., Class XI and XII, skill courses are offered as a compulsory (elective) subject.

All middle and secondary stage schools are eligible to introduce skill exposure to grade 6 to 8. All secondary stage schools are eligible to introduce skill education for grade 9 to 12 across the country. Currently, as per data available on UDISE+, there are 3,06,942 secondary stage schools in the country. Based on the proposal received from the State/UTs, approval has been granted to 31,477 schools for introducing skill courses and 20,724 schools have established skill labs through Samagra Shiksha. Additionally, 4,988 PM SHRI schools have also been approved for skill education out of which 3,798 schools have already been imparting skill education. State/UT-wise details are compiled based on the Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) received from the States/UTs and are available at Annexure-II.

As far as CBSE is concerned, more than 30,000 schools are affiliated with CBSE and all of them are eligible to introduce skill education under NEP 2020. CBSE offers 22 Skill subjects for students of class IX & X and 43 Skill subjects for students of classes XI & XII. 1286 Kendriya Vidyalayas and 647 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya schools are offering skill courses to the students of secondary stage.

Financial allocations, releases and utilisation for vocationalisation under Samagra Shiksha are monitored through the PRABANDH (Project Appraisal, Budgeting, Achievements and Data Handling) system. State/UT-wise and year-wise details of funds allocated and utilised are placed at Annexure-III. Regular interactions and review meetings are held with States/UTs to monitor implementation and address operational issues.

To strengthen skill education, school boards are registering themselves with NCVET to become Awarding body and Assessing Authority. Further, the provision of Hub-and-Spoke model has also been introduced, wherein skill infrastructure available in designated hub schools is utilised by students from nearby spoke schools for skill training. Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics and similar institutions are also being used as hubs to facilitate wider access to hands-on learning. Furthermore, to strengthen skill education, the Department has developed a Career Guide Book with 500 career cards across 21 domains, and also launched 'My Career Advisor' mobile application based on AI/ML for personalised career guidance.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2399 FOR 15.12.2025 ASKED BY SHRI TANGELLA UDAY SRINIVAS, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'VOCATIONAL EDUCATION UNDER NEP 2020'.

Students covered under pre-vocational exposure and Bagless Days

S. No.	State/UT	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	A & N Islands	*	*	*	20542
2	Andhra Pradesh	130	100785	825143	180121
3	Arunachal Pradesh	101	93978	*	263456
4	Assam	*	104945	701218	*
5	Bihar	*	*	*	4704171
6	Chandigarh	106	36591	20329	76880
7	Chhattisgarh	560	*	20329	2800000
8	DNH and DD	*	*	9185	18475
9	Delhi	21	970	145175	1390181
10	Goa	*	*	*	64895
11	Gujarat	260	19986	44900	778513
12	Haryana	110	112548	165245	304639
13	Himachal Pradesh	240	66828	52136	203187
14	Jammu & Kashmir	2000	54054	74039	287167
15	Jharkhand	*	18465	380299	625100
16	Karnataka	150	97363	43090	3432535
17	Kerala	14	*	4950	*
18	Ladakh	30	455	2937	5137
19	Lakshadweep	15	2622	2729	1439
20	Madhya Pradesh	844	97042	*	1244044
21	Maharashtra	500	33541	*	3829178
22	Manipur	*	27920	65329	26621
23	Meghalaya	*	2659	*	5100
24	Mizoram	220	13508	25120	6144
25	Nagaland	34	22786	19044	41488
26	Odisha	100	*	113760	1240765
27	Puducherry	18	*	*	238383
28	Punjab	220	62878	234824	60323
29	Rajasthan	660	439595	561078	1174994
30	Sikkim	377	33409	18329	32942
31	Tamil Nadu	*	*	*	*
32	Telangana	192	*	90976	1878903
33	Tripura	205	10995	16476	39873
34	Uttar Pradesh	*	*	*	*
35	Uttarakhand	130	6594	7503	214744
36	West Bengal	*	*	*	*
	Total	7237	1460517	3644143	25189940

(Source: Quarterly Progress Report received from State/UTs under Samagra Shiksha)

* Data not reported by State/UTs

ANNEXURE-II

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Schools approved and implemented Skill Education

S. No.	State / UT	No. of schools Approved	No. of Schools Implemented
1	A & N Islands	75	74
2	Andhra Pradesh	1578	1378
3	Arunachal Pradesh	284	270
4	Assam	2001	1780
5	Bihar	631	33
6	Chandigarh	77	77
7	Chhattisgarh	1284	1183
8	DNH and DD	33	33
9	Delhi	616	289
10	Goa	213	206
11	Gujarat	1755	1755
12	Haryana	1396	1104
13	Himachal Pradesh	1737	1689
14	Jammu & Kashmir	2460	1350
15	Jharkhand	929	659
16	Karnataka	898	392
17	Kerala	261	261
18	Ladakh	60	55
19	Lakshadweep	9	9
20	Madhya Pradesh	2982	2276
21	Maharashtra	946	650
22	Manipur	234	219
23	Meghalaya	183	163
24	Mizoram	171	167
25	Nagaland	186	171
26	Odisha	1538	919
27	Puducherry	65	65
28	Punjab	2055	1981
29	Rajasthan	3736	1786
30	Sikkim	211	211
31	Tamil Nadu	402	402
32	Telangana	936	499
33	Tripura	556	430
34	Uttar Pradesh	2556	849
35	Uttarakhand	1066	531
36	West Bengal	2345	606
	Total	36465	24522

(Source: Quarterly Progress Report received from State/UTs)

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Funds allocation and utilization for Skill Education

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	State	2025-2026		2024-2025		2023-2024	
		Allocation	utilization	Allocation	utilization	Allocation	utilization
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	1086.99	824.71	1175.27	1175.26	1051.00	757.51
2	Andhra Pradesh	8157.72	3173.88	9770.16	9264.31	7951.32	1769.67
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3113.91	593.03	3009.47	2365.66	1932.48	2240.29
4	Assam	20982.16	4643.39	19892.38	11350.09	13618.03	10366.05
5	Bihar	11222.12	17.11	235.11	106.34	1723.64	3844.05
6	Chandigarh	702.95	241.49	665.53	581.22	216.95	216.95
7	Chhattisgarh	19371.87	8552.00	18395.16	4403.84	15086.97	8679.36
8	DNH and DD	333.15	49.11	355.30	176.13	212.74	85.00
9	Delhi	7936.69	599.07	5472.52	1445.45	2745.66	2744.28
10	Goa	1210.93	572.23	1512.35	873.81	1317.64	734.64
11	Gujarat	18406.75	4876.70	20403.98	12513.08	9149.99	6850.79
12	Haryana	13467.00	4636.82	23919.02	11143.68	20470.01	10764.35
13	Himachal Pradesh	15038.13	2266.18	16593.38	8137.64	12483.22	11974.82
14	Jammu And Kashmir	16173.71	7043.12	18251.68	5490.70	8998.98	6088.53
15	Jharkhand	9659.14	0.00	9924.58	3787.64	8250.27	5958.93
16	Karnataka	6795.87	63.81	5727.36	2002.38	2915.04	1293.18
17	Kerala	1279.99	452.31	1869.56	346.33	1183.48	686.97
18	Ladakh	402.01	188.85	508.50	342.71	379.06	237.66
19	Lakshadweep	7.50	0.00	13.50	0.00	4.50	0.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	36878.22	8742.57	28942.87	7478.90	19399.43	11497.10
21	Maharashtra	7393.71	971.35	8262.45	3258.46	7135.96	2935.45
22	Manipur	1750.85	707.03	2693.53	793.46	2483.14	2245.54
23	Meghalaya	2179.44	227.75	2237.45	1159.53	1620.19	1508.55
24	Mizoram	1606.73	119.13	1276.89	1077.80	1135.78	358.40
25	Nagaland	1288.26	173.28	1328.03	1031.91	1313.53	984.00
26	Odisha	10049.36	1867.79	16960.89	5213.32	14777.52	5304.13
27	Puducherry	406.55	19.04	375.61	146.45	222.03	203.80
28	Punjab	18863.80	3595.14	15889.73	8739.77	11593.35	9315.96
29	Rajasthan	32873.20	4820.25	37221.63	16382.00	29884.95	15965.53
30	Sikkim	4121.90	812.10	4021.39	3946.39	3348.49	3319.11
31	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	2096.91	0.00	2598.36	2396.10
32	Telangana	3430.03	0.00	4373.96	3681.11	3527.35	1732.51
33	Tripura	4661.71	2269.06	3709.27	3651.33	2987.42	2611.24
34	Uttar Pradesh	30944.34	561.83	9826.72	2807.81	6051.51	787.55
35	Uttarakhand	5927.49	317.01	6069.62	287.09	3250.09	1609.01
36	West Bengal	23370.75	3804.75	26043.50	0.00	19015.56	14590.57

(Source: PRABANDH portal)