

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION: 2467
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

SETTING UP FIVE NATIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

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

- (a) the present status of the five National Centres of Excellence (NCoE) for skilling that have been proposed in the Budget 2025-26 at Serial No. 44;
- (b) the level at which action has been completed by the Government for setting up of the above centres;
- (c) the names of the places where the above five National Centres of Excellence for skilling are being setup and whether regional balance has been considered for their selection;
- (d) the complete details of the composition, training model and industry participation of the above centres; and
- (e) whether the Government has provided option to the States for Setting up of “Satellite Skill Centre” under which there is any provision or possibility of setting up of special skill centre conforming the local needs like agricultural, food processing, dairy, flood control technique in Seemanchal-Kosi region of Bihar?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (c): The five National Centres of Excellence (NCoE) for skilling that were announced in the Budget 2025-26 at Serial No. 44 have been approved by the Cabinet on 07.05.2025 under Component II of the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) scheme. As per the Cabinet approval, the sector-specific National Centres of Excellence with global partnership are proposed to be set up at Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Chennai (Tamilnadu), Hyderabad (Telangana), Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh), and Ludhiana (Punjab). These NSTIs were selected based on the parameters like land area of the institute, trade diversity, existing sitting capacity, scope for expansion and availability of faculty.

(b) The guidelines of scheme have been approved by the National Steering Committee and the MoU has been signed with Singapore for setting up of NCoE at National Skill Training Institute (NSTI), Chennai in Advanced Manufacturing Sector. The Expression of Interest (EoI) has been floated for the onboarding of Lead Industry Partner for these five NSTIs.

(d) The Institute Management Committee (IMC) to be constituted with the chairperson from the Lead Industry Partner for the selected NSTIs. The proposed composition of IMC as per the approved scheme guidelines is placed at *Annexure*.

Further, the IMC to plan & implement the training programs as per the need of the industry through these NSTIs

(e) Under the Component- I of PM-SETU scheme, 1,000 Government ITIs are proposed to be upgraded under the Hub-and-Spoke model in collaboration with Industry Partners. States have the flexibility to propose skill interventions suited to local needs under this framework. Therefore, States may propose specialised skill centres in areas such as agriculture, food processing, dairy or any local requirement, including regions such as Seemanchal - Kosi region of Bihar, as per the scheme guidelines.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2467 ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

Proposed composition of Institute Management Committee

S. No.	Category	Details
1	Chairperson	Nominated by the Lead Industry Partner
2	Two or more Central Government Nominees	To be nominated by DGT/MSDE.
3	One or more State Government Nominee	Representative from the State Government where the NSTI is located.
4	Two or more Industry persons with relevant technical expertise	Representatives from industry partners having special knowledge and experience on matters relating to Industry and Technical Education and providing financial contribution to the scheme
5	Director of the Institute	Ex-officio Member Secretary of the Governing Body
6	One or more representatives from Industry Associations	From eminent industry associations like FICCI, CII, or state-level bodies, Sector Skill Councils, etc. or regional local industry associations.
7	One or more Academia Representative(s)	Representative from the academic field

These numbers are indicative and may vary between 9 to 15 members, depending on the specific requirements of each NSTI.
