

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2625
ANSWERED ON 16/12/2025**

AVAILABILITY OF TRAINED MASONS

**2625. Smt. Mahima Kumari Mewar:
Shri Chintamani Maharaj:
Shri Vijay Kumar Dubey:
Shri Ravindra Shukla Alias Ravi Kishan:**

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any provision under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) to increase the availability of trained masons to speed up construction work;**
- (b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard and the number of rural masons trained under PMAY-G, State-wise;**
- (c) whether any candidate has been certified under Rural Mason Training (RMT) through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL); and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise including Rajasthan?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. CHANDRA SEKHAR PEMMASANI)**

(a): Yes. The Ministry of Rural Development has launched the Rural Mason Training (RMT) programme under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G) to enhance the availability of skilled masons for the construction of quality PMAY-G houses. The initiative also contributes towards the availability of a skilled workforce for the construction of rural infrastructure under different schemes and facilitates livelihood opportunities for the rural workforce. The RMT programme under PMAY-G has been rolled out in collaboration with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), with a target to train adequate number of masons. As of 09.12.2025, under RMT

programme, 3,81,986 candidates have been enrolled, of which 3,08,330 have been certified, and States/ UTs have reported improved timeliness and quality of construction under PMAY-G as a result.

In addition to the on-site training model, a parallel RMT initiative has been introduced from FY 2025-26 through the Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) operating under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development to broaden outreach and strengthen livelihood opportunities. The RSETI model offers a structured training environment with a standardised curriculum and hands-on practical exposure, thereby reinforcing the mason skilling ecosystem and improving access to local employment for trained candidates. A total of 8,048 candidates have been certified through this initiative.

(b): The State-wise number of rural masons enrolled and trained as on 09.12.2025, may be seen at Annexure – I.

(c) & (d): Yes. The details of Rural Masons certified under RMT programme, through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), State and UT-wise may be seen at Annexure – II.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2625 to be answered on 16.12.2025.

State/UT wise detail of Rural Mason Training since inception & Rural Mason Training from FY 25-26 through RSETIs:

S.No	States	No. of Enrolled Candidates*	No. of Certified Candidates*	Rural Mason Training from FY 25-26 through RSETIs Certified Candidates#
1	Assam	12,914	11,819	207
2	Bihar	15,903	14,139	-
3	Chhattisgarh	40,918	32,767	3477
4	Gujarat	8,259	7,363	-
5	Haryana	60	55	35
6	Himachal Pradesh	434	352	-
7	Jammu And Kashmir	2,933	2,494	-
8	Jharkhand	42,161	34,483	115
9	Karnataka	11,993	9,856	-
10	Kerala	42	34	-
11	Madhya Pradesh	49,435	31,206	2044
12	Maharashtra	51,556	44,324	33
13	Manipur	-	-	89
14	Meghalaya	1,146	748	12
15	Mizoram	46	32	93
16	Nagaland	-	-	26
17	Odisha	33,092	26,349	186
18	Rajasthan	20,496	17,500	-
19	Tripura	220	182	122
20	Uttar Pradesh	56,433	47,888	31
21	Uttarakhand	537	484	
22	West Bengal	33,408	26,255	
23	Tamil Nadu	-	-	1558
24	Andaman and Nicobar	-	-	20
	Grand Total	3,81,986	3,08,330	8,048

**RMT data as on 09.12.2025, #RSETIs as on 30.11.2025*

Annexure – II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2625 to be answered on 16.12.2025.

State/UT wise detail of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in Rural Mason Training since inception:

S.No	State	No. of Enrolled Candidates	No. of Certified Candidates
1	Assam	11,218	10,335
2	Bihar	15	12
3	Gujarat	3,248	2,916
4	Himachal Pradesh	434	352
5	Jharkhand	16,117	11,873
6	Kerala	22	18
7	Maharashtra	749	608
8	Odisha	16,466	12,756
9	Rajasthan	1,107	799
10	Uttar Pradesh	27,576	22,134
11	Uttarakhand	510	459
12	West Bengal	22,775	17,303
	Grand Total	1,00,237	79,565

As on 09.12.2025
