

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *326
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026

SKILL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

*326. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:

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

(a) the details of the number of Skill Centres of Excellence (SCoE) proposed, under construction and presently functional across the country, State/UT-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of the total number of beneficiaries (male, female and others) of SCoEs across the country, State/UT-wise, including the above State during the last five years and the current year;

(c) the details of the total funds allocated, released and utilised for functioning of SCoEs across the country, State/UT-wise, including the above State during the last five years and the current year, year-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has any proposal for increasing the number of SCoEs across the country, State/UT-wise, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *326 ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026 ASKED BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY, SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:

(a) to (d): In 2019, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) issued guidelines for the recognition of institutions already engaged in research and development activities in the skilling domain and related fields as Centres of Excellence.

In accordance with these guidelines, the Ministry has recognized six institutions as Centres of Excellence. The details of these six Centres of Excellence, along with the number of candidates trained during the last five financial years (FY 2020–21 to FY 2024–25), are provided in **Annexure-I**. As per the guidelines, there is no provision for providing financial assistance to the Centres of Excellence recognized by MSDE.

Five National Centres of Excellence for Skilling were announced in the Union Budget 2025–26 with the objective of equipping youth with the skills required to support the “Make for India, Make for the World” manufacturing initiative. As part of the announcement, it has been proposed to leverage global expertise and partnerships for curriculum development, training of trainers, establishment of a skills certification framework, and periodic review of the Centres of Excellence. This initiative builds upon the announcement made in the Union Budget July 2024, which, inter alia, envisaged capacity augmentation of five National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs).

Subsequently, the Union Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) scheme aimed at improving the quality and relevance of vocational training across the country, with a total outlay of ₹60,000 crore. Under Component-II of the scheme, approval has been accorded for the establishment of five National Centres of Excellence for Skilling at the National Skill Training Institutes located in Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana. The estimated cost for establishing these five Centres of Excellence has been incorporated within the overall financial outlay of the PM-SETU scheme.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *326 ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026.

State-wise details of six Centres of Excellence recognized by the MSDE along with no. of candidates trained during last five FYs (FY 2020-21 to 2024-25) are as under:

S.N.	Institute	State	Validity	No. candidates trained during last 5 FYs
1	School of Vocational Education and Training (SoVET)	Odisha	17.11.2025	23,999
2	State Institute for Development of Arts and Crafts (SIDAC)	Odisha	9.12.2025	526
3	Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII)	Gujrat	25.10.2026	8,75,707
4	Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship (XIME)	Karnataka	25.10.2026	1352
5	Institute of Wood Science & Technology (IWST)	Karnataka	23.12.2026	7471
6	Centre of Excellence (Marine Engineering) INS Shivaji	Maharashtra	23.12.2026	20,996
