

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1527
ANSWERED ON – 09.02.2026

SKILLING FOR AI READINESS

1527. SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH:
SHRI B K PARTHASARATHI:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of learners enrolled under the Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme, State/UT-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the number of learners who have been successfully certified under the programme, State/UT-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of the number of teachers/trainers who have enrolled and certified under SOAR, State/UT-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) the details of the training partners or institutions engaged, eligibility criteria followed along with the duration and curriculum offered under the SOAR programme; and
- (e) the details of the measures taken by the Government to enhance outreach and participation in SOAR, particularly among rural and marginalised communities in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a), (b) & (c) Details sought from (a), (b) and (c) for State/UT wise data is kept at **Annexure-I** and district wise data of Andhra Pradesh is kept at **Annexure-II**.

(d) Under the SOAR programme, three NCVET-recognised Awarding Bodies—Microsoft, HCL Tech, and the IT-ITES Sector Skills Council (NASSCOM)—are engaged as training partners for delivering four approved courses, namely AI to be Aware, AI to Acquire, AI to Aspire, and AI for Educators. The eligibility criteria, course duration, and detailed curriculum for each course are publicly available on the National Qualifications Register (NQR) under the respective course titles.

(e) The Government has adopted a pan-India, multi-pronged outreach strategy to enhance awareness and participation in the Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme. The 'Skill the Nation Challenge' initiative, launched by Hon'ble President of India on 1st January 2026, received nationwide visibility and generated significant organic publicity across digital and mainstream media, leading to increased learner awareness and registrations.

As SOAR is an online programme, subsequent outreach and advocacy have been undertaken through the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), social and digital media platforms, and national as well as regional print and electronic media, ensuring equitable access for learners across all States and Union Territories, including Andhra Pradesh. In addition, grassroots mobilisation is undertaken in coordination with State Skill Development Missions, Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), and elementary and secondary schools to enhance awareness and participation under the programme.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1527 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026

ANNEXURE-I

State/UT wise Enrolled and Certified Learners under SOAR and AI for Educators (As on 03.02.2026)

S.No.	State / UT	Total Learners (SOAR) (Enrolled)	Total Learners (SOAR) (Certified)	AI for Educators (Enrolled)	AI for Educators (Certified)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	165	30	33	7
2	Andhra Pradesh	18,115	2,356	2,953	265
3	Arunachal Pradesh	185	40	19	3
4	Assam	7,131	1,729	962	101
5	Bihar	13,139	987	2,167	151
6	Chandigarh	186	21	26	10
7	Chhattisgarh	3,776	494	503	46
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	2,712	804	872	388
9	Delhi	6,110	588	1,070	84
10	Goa	193	15	40	2
11	Gujarat	6,514	615	1,256	123
12	Haryana	6,179	754	1,080	126
13	Himachal Pradesh	2,134	297	375	28
14	Jammu and Kashmir	2,834	283	513	38
15	Jharkhand	4,027	302	729	70
16	Karnataka	9,868	1,446	1,336	115
17	Kerala	4,846	897	761	75
18	Ladakh	42	7	6	0
19	Lakshadweep	9	0	10	10
20	Madhya Pradesh	10,736	961	1,903	123
21	Maharashtra	28,417	2,446	6,360	500
22	Manipur	1,261	540	164	31
23	Meghalaya	463	84	113	20
24	Mizoram	54	7	10	2
25	Nagaland	103	7	23	5
26	Odisha	6,538	454	980	76
27	Puducherry	292	52	69	12
28	Punjab	3,698	552	653	73
29	Rajasthan	9,832	1,150	1,723	156
30	Sikkim	99	6	19	2
31	Tamil Nadu	10,589	1,393	2,009	258
32	Telangana	7,935	1,407	1,227	121
33	Tripura	1,027	268	125	12
34	Uttar Pradesh	36,668	4,388	5,688	197
35	Uttarakhand	2,649	330	414	37
36	West Bengal	9,520	1,085	1,698	196
	Total	2,18,046	26,795	37889	3463

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ANNEXURE-II

District-wise Enrolled and Certified Learners for Andhra Pradesh (As on 05.02.2026)

State: Andhra Pradesh till 5th Feb	NAASSCOM		HCLTech		Microsoft		Total Enrolled	Total Certified
	Enrolled	Certified	Enrolled	Certified	Enrolled	Certified		
ADILABAD	15	1	67	13	41	7	123	21
ALLURI SITHARAMA RAJU	21	0	12	0	9	0	42	0
ANAKAPALLI	14	0	52	4	58	8	124	12
ANANTAPUR	78	9	351	48	680	95	1109	152
ANANTHAPURAMU	39	2	125	14	194	23	358	39
ANNAMAYYA	20	3	54	3	80	20	154	26
BAPATLA	16	0	54	3	43	5	113	8
CHITTOOR	82	2	346	22	459	115	887	139
CUDDAPAH	67	6	238	12	273	48	578	66
DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA	9	2	34	5	17	0	60	7
EAST GODAVARI	262	7	533	63	426	59	1221	129
ELURU	21	3	61	9	58	8	140	20
GUNTUR	187	4	756	36	594	57	1537	97
HYDERABAD	44	0	186	65	167	28	397	93
K.V. RANGAREDDY	0	0	8	5	7	4	15	9
KAKINADA	31	1	85	3	65	11	181	15
KARIM NAGAR	12	0	43	8	61	15	116	23
KHAMMAM	18	2	74	12	98	12	190	26
KONASEEMA	2	1	4	0	12	1	18	2
KRISHNA	130	8	595	57	457	61	1182	126
KURNOOL	94	3	391	32	1028	553	1513	588
MAHABUB NAGAR	3	1	41	15	29	7	73	23
MEDAK	9	0	47	10	52	12	108	22
N. T. R	24	1	56	3	50	3	130	7
NALGONDA	11	0	80	10	54	5	145	15
NANDYAL	18	2	51	8	69	20	138	30
NELLORE	65	4	262	19	531	63	858	86
NIZAMABAD	3	0	17	2	17	4	37	6
NONE	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
NTR	16	0	70	6	53	6	139	12
PALNADU	21	1	76	6	67	10	164	17
PARVATHIPURAM MANYAM	9	1	23	2	43	3	75	6
PRAKASAM	111	6	364	31	740	100	1215	137
RANGAREDDI	39	3	147	48	125	35	311	86
SPSR NELLORE	4	0	24	4	18	5	46	9
SRI POTTI SRIRAMULU NELLORE	18	0	67	2	83	5	168	7
SRI SATHYA SAI	20	4	74	10	128	13	222	27
SRIKAKULAM	120	2	268	17	531	35	919	54

TIRUPATI	33	0	93	11	107	16	233	27
VISAKHAPATANAM	162	9	473	22	573	66	1208	97
VIZIANAGARAM	102	1	225	9	579	16	906	26
WARANGAL	29	0	88	3	106	6	223	9
WEST GODAVARI	73	2	307	21	260	35	640	58
Y.S.R.	29	1	70	4	66	6	165	11
Grand Total	2081	92	6993	677	9108	1601	18182	2370
