

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 290
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2026

ESTABLISHMENT OF SKILL INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRES (SIICS)

290. SHRI TANGELLA UDAY SRINIVAS:

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

- (a) the details of the number of Skill India International Centres (SIICs) established, State/UT-wise and district-wise;
- (b) whether these SIICs have been set up in partnership with foreign Governments, destination countries or overseas employers, if so, the details thereof along with the details of such bilateral or industry partnerships;
- (c) the details of the number of candidates targeted, trained, certified and placed abroad, including country-wise placement outcomes;
- (d) whether SIICs provide pre-departure training, language instruction, orientation on labour laws, migration support and post-placement follow-up, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the mechanisms for monitoring training quality, preventing exploitation and addressing post-placement grievances;
- (f) the details of the allocation, release and utilisation of funds for SIICs, year-wise;
- (g) whether any proposed SIICs are yet to become operational, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay; and
- (h) the details of the Government's plans for expansion to additional States, including pending proposals and their status?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a), (g) and (h) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has established and operationalized seven SIICs, on pilot basis, for providing international opportunities to the youth. The State/UT-wise and district-wise details of seven established Skill India International Centres (SIICs) and other identified locations for SIICs are given at **Annexure-I**.

(b) No Sir.

(c) MSDE is making Indian workforce mobility ready by providing training as per international standards and requirement of Industries/overseas employers. Since 2023, a total number of 2,910 candidates have been trained (domain training and language training) at SIIC-Varanasi and SIIC-Bhubaneswar. Further, 3,499 candidates have been provided orientation/refresher training at SIIC-Varanasi for international opportunities. Moreover, SIIC-Varanasi has facilitated the deployment of 433 candidates. Country-wise number of deployed candidates facilitated by SIIC-Varanasi is given at **Annexure-II**. The SIIC-Kanpur has been operationalized on 08.12.2025 and SIIC-Bengaluru, SIIC-Guwahati, SIIC-Hyderabad and SIIC-Ludhiana have been operationalized on 15.12.2025.

(d) Yes Sir, language training is imparted at SIICs. Further, under Ministry of External Affairs' Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) is imparted at SIIC-Varanasi. Under PKVY, PDOT programmes are aimed at enhancing soft skills of Indian migrant workers, in terms of culture, language, tradition and local rules and regulations of the destination country. One-day long PDOT training also sensitizes migrant workers about pathways to safe and legal migration and various government programmes for their welfare and protection.

(e) Training quality at SIIC is being monitored internally by MSDE and NSDC. Post-deployment grievances support to migrant workers is addressed through the extant guidelines of MEA through Indian Mission/Embassy of India in the destination country.

(f) Ministry through the National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) has approved funds amounting to Rs. 70.59 crore for 7 SIICs (OPEX for 7 SIICs and CAPEX for 5 SIICs). Out of which, Rs. 23.46 crore has released to NSDC, implementing agency for SIIC, on 30.10.2024. As on 31.12.2025, NSDC has utilized Rs. 9.92 crore in Financial Year (FY) 2024-25 and Rs. 4.72 crores in Current FY 2025-26.

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Annexure-I

The State/UT-wise and district-wise details of seven established Skill India International Centres (SIICs) and identified locations for remaining 23 SIICs are given below:

(i) Established and Operationalized:

SN.	Name of SIIC	State	District
1	SIIC Bengaluru*	Karnataka	Bengaluru
2	SIIC Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Khordha
3	SIIC Guwahati*	Assam	Kamrup (Metro)
4	SIIC Hyderabad*	Telangana	Hyderabad
5	SIIC Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur
6	SIIC Ludhiana*	Punjab	Ludhiana
7	SIIC Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi

* Operationalized on 15.12.2025.

(ii) Identified locations for SIICs:

SN	State	Number of SIIC	Locations
1	Maharashtra	2	Mumbai/ Nagpur
2	Tamil Nadu	1	Chennai
3	Uttar Pradesh	3	Meerut/Bareilly/Agra
4	Rajasthan	1	Jaipur
5	Odisha	1	Sambalpur
6	Gujrat	2	Ahmedabad /Surat
7	Chhattisgarh	1	Raipur
8	Madhya Pradesh	1	Bhopal
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1	Jammu / Srinagar
10	Jharkhand	1	Ranchi
11	West Bengal	1	New Jalpaiguri
12	Himachal Pradesh	1	Shimla
13	Haryana	1	Sonipat
14	Bihar	2	Patna/Nalanda
15	Kerala	1	Thiruvananthapuram
16	Andhra Pradesh	1	Vishakhapatnam
17	Uttarakhand	1	Dehradun
18	Meghalaya	1	Shillong
19	Nagaland	1	Kohima

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Annexure-II

The Country-wise number of deployed candidates facilitated by SIIC-Varanasi is given below:

SN.	Country	Candidates Deployed
1	UAE	296
2	Saudi Arabia	101
3	Slovakia	18
4	Japan	9
5	Kuwait	5
6	Qatar	3
7	Uzbekistan	1
	Total	433
