

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3310
ANSWERED ON 12th MARCH, 2026**

SHORTAGE OF TRUCK DRIVERS

3310. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any assessment regarding the shortage of truck drivers in the country and the total number of registered truck drivers, state-wise;

(b) the present estimated shortfall of heavy commercial vehicle drivers at the national level and State-wise including West Bengal;

(c) the number of Driver Training Institutes (DTIs), Institutes of Driving Training & Research (IDTRs) and Regional Driving Training Centres sanctioned and operational in the country, State-wise;

(d) the number of such institutes sanctioned and functional in West Bengal, along with their training capacity and utilisation; and

(e) the steps taken to increase the number of trained truck drivers, including skill development initiatives, simulator-based training, financial assistance and incentives to attract youth and women into the profession?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

(a)&(b) As per the SARATHI database a total of 1,80,31,311 (State-wise data is attached at Annexure-I) driving licences has been issued and are valid as on date for driving the transport vehicles, which includes Heavy Goods vehicle, Heavy Passenger vehicle, Medium Goods vehicle and Medium Passenger vehicle categories. Further, the total number of registered trucks as per VAHAN database in the country are 65,72,483 (State wise data of trucks is attached at Annexure-II).

(c)&(d) The status of Institutes of Driving Training and Research (IDTR), Regional Driving Training Centres (RDTCs) and Driving Training Centres (DTCs) sanctioned by the Government are at Annexure III, IV and V respectively.

Further, a total of 3,258 drivers have been trained at Driving Training Institute (DTI), Jessore in West Bengal from 2015-16 to 2025-26.

(e) To enhance the skills and employability of youth including truck drivers, the Government administers a scheme for setting up of IDTRs, RDTCs and DTCs at State/district level across the Country. On 15.01.2025 revised scheme guidelines have been issued, incorporating enhanced financial assistance and streamlined eligibility criteria for establishing Driving Training Institutes. The revised guidelines also provide for simulator based training and give preference to women only RTDCs over others.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing its flagship Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) since 2015. Under PMKVY, skill training is imparted through Short Term Training (STT) and Re-skilling and Up-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country. Currently, the PMKVY 4.0 is being implemented from the FY 2022-23. Since the inception of the PMKVY, 2,10,409 candidates have been certified in various job roles related to vehicle driving.

ANNEXURE-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3310 ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR REGARDING SHORTAGE OF TRUCK DRIVERS**

State Name	Count of DLs with Valid Transport Validity
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	5924
Andhra Pradesh	409960
Arunachal Pradesh	42516
Assam	201310
Bihar	388744
Chhattisgarh	237159
Chandigarh	14853
Daman and Diu	7241
Delhi	70751
Goa	83398
Gujarat	737615
Himachal Pradesh	144318
Haryana	473157
Jharkhand	257029
Jammu and Kashmir	168378
Karnataka	786287
Kerala	780805
Ladakh	6618
Lakshadweep	350
Maharashtra	4548081
Meghalaya	46710
Manipur	15504
Madhya Pradesh	754197
Mizoram	10763
Nagaland	10364
Odisha	292605
Punjab	366505
Puducherry	28654
Rajasthan	1287875
Sikkim	10213
Telangana	464336
Tamil Nadu	2417157
Tripura	23332
Uttarakhand	100085
Uttar Pradesh	2047057
West Bengal	791460
Total	18031311

ANNEXURE-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3310 ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR REGARDING SHORTAGE OF TRUCK DRIVERS**

StateName	Registered truck Vehicle (till 08-03-2026)
Andaman & Nicobar Island	2088
Andhra Pradesh	280821
Arunachal Pradesh	12199
Assam	104300
Bihar	190271
Chandigarh	3336
Chhattisgarh	207212
Delhi	78155
Goa	23497
Gujarat	504742
Haryana	461309
Himachal Pradesh	90489
Jammu and Kashmir	58415
Jharkhand	201133
Karnataka	568294
Kerala	165532
Ladakh	3829
Lakshadweep	5
Madhya Pradesh	263768
Maharashtra	681260
Manipur	10168
Meghalaya	31698
Mizoram	9834
Nagaland	185290
Odisha	304754
Puducherry	5153
Punjab	204639
Rajasthan	353197
Sikkim	5004
Tamil Nadu	500305
Telangana	1646
Tripura	16180
UT of DNH and DD	29851
Uttar Pradesh	499563
Uttarakhand	72543
West Bengal	442003
Grand Total	6572483

Annexure-III**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3310 ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR REGARDING SHORTAGE OF TRUCK DRIVERS****Status of IDTR Project :**

Sr. No.	State	Project Location	Project Status
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	IDTR at Darsi	Construction stage
2.		DTI at Vijayawada	Operational
3.		IDTR at Kurnool	Construction stage
4.	ASSAM	DTI at Betkuchi, Guwahati	Operational
5.	BIHAR	IDTR at Aurangabad	Operational
6.	CHHATTISGARH	IDTR at Naya Raipur	Completed but not operational
7.	HARYANA	IDTR at Bhiwani	Construction stage
8.		DTI at Bahadurgarh	Operational
9.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	IDTR at Sarkaghat	Construction stage
10.		IDTR at Mandi	Operational
11.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	IDTR Ghaink, Balwal	Construction stage
12.	JHARKHAND	IDTR at Jamshedpur	Construction stage
13.	KARNATAKA	DTI at Hagari-bommanahalli/ Bellary	Operational
14.	KERALA	DTI at Edappal	Operational
15.	MADHYA PRADESH	IDTR at Chhindwara	Operational
16.		DTI at Indore	Operational
17.	MAHARASHTRA	IDTR at Pune	Operational
18.		IDTR at Nagpur	Construction stage
19.		IDTR at Latur	Completed but not operational
20.	MANIPUR	IDTR at Imphal	Construction stage
21.	NAGALAND	DTI at Dimapur	Operational

22.	DELHI	DTI at Sarai Kali Khan	Operational
23.	ODISHA	DTI at Chhatia, Jajpur	Operational
24.	RAJASTHAN	IDTR at Railmagara	Operational
25.	SIKKIM	IDTR at Pakyong	Construction stage
26.	TELANGANA	IDTR at Sircilla	Construction stage
27.	TRIPURA	IDTR at Agartala	Construction stage
28.	UTTAR PRADESH	IDTR at Raebareilly	Completed but not operational
29.		DTI at Allen Forest, Kanpur	Operational
30.	UTTARAKHAND	DTI at Jhajra, Dehradun	Operational
31.	WEST BENGAL	DTI at Kolkata	Operational

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Status of RDTC Projects

Sr. No.	State	Project Location	Project Status
1.	CHHATTISGARH	RDTC at Bastar	Construction stage
2.		RDTC at Bilaspur	In principle approved.
3.	KARNATAKA	RDTC at Ramanagar	In principle approved.
4.	MADHYA PRADESH	RDTC at Bhopal	Construction stage
5.		RDTC Betul	Construction stage
6.		RDTC at Chhatarpur	Construction stage
7.		RDTC at Gwalior	In principle approved.
8.		RDTC at Ujjain	In principle approved.
9.		MAHARASHTRA	RDTC at Amravati
10.	RDTC at Nanded		Construction stage
11.	RDTC at Solapur		Construction stage
12.	RDTC at Nagpur		Construction stage
13.	RDTC at Wardha		Completed but non operational
14.	RDTC at Yavatmal		Construction stage
15.	RDTC at Gondia		In principle approved.
16.	RDTC at Buldhana		In principle approved.
17.	RDTC at Chandrapur		Newly Sanctioned
18.	NAGALAND	RDTC at Kohima	Construction stage
19.	RAJASTHAN	RDTC at Ajmer	Project held up due to non-receipt of funds from State
20.		RDTC at Hanumangarh	Project held up due to non-receipt of funds from State
21.		RDTC at Jaipur	Construction stage
22.	WEST BENGAL	RDTC at Kolkata	Construction stage

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Status of DTC Projects

Sr. No.	State	Project Location	Project Status
1.	Assam	DTC at Cachar	Construction not started
2.	Andhra Pradesh	DTC at Anantapuramu/ Anantapur	Newly Sanctioned
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	DTC at Raga Kamle	Construction stage
4.		DTC at Ziro, Lower Subansiri	Construction stage
5.	Bihar	DTC at Supaul	Construction not started
6.	Chhattisgarh	DTC at Surajpur	Construction stage
7.		DTC at Korba	Construction stage
8.		DTC at Rajnandgaon	Construction stage
9.		DTC at Gariyaband	Construction stage
10.		DTC at Dantewada	Construction stage
11.		DTC at Dhamtari	Construction stage
12.		DTC at Sarguja	Construction stage
13.		DTC at Kabirdham	Construction stage
14.		DTC at Durg	Construction stage
15.		DTC at Janjgir-Champa	Construction stage
16.		DTC at Janjgir-Champa	Newly Sanctioned
17.		DTC at Balod	Newly Sanctioned
18.		DTC at Mahasamund	Construction stage
19.		DTC at Baloda Bazar	Newly Sanctioned
20.	Karnataka	DTC at Koppal	Completed
21.	Madhya Pradesh	DTC at Singrauli	Completed
22.		DTC at Dhar	Completed
23.		DTC at Satna	Completed
24.		DTC at Sidhi	Completed
25.		DTC at Raisen	Completed
26.		DTC at Patharaha,Rewa	Construction stage
27.		DTC at Bedhauaa, Rewa	Construction stage
28.		DTC at Dewas	Construction stage
29.		DTC at Vidisha	Construction stage
30.		DTC at Damoh	Construction not started
31.		DTC at Guna	Construction stage
32.		DTC at Mauganj	Construction stage
33.		DTC at Maihar	Construction not started
34.		DTC at Sagar	Construction stage

35.		DTC at Sagar	Newly sanctioned
36.		DTC at Shahdol	Construction stage
37.		DTC at Jabalpur	Newly sanctioned
38.		DTC at Shivpuri	Construction stage
39.		DTC at Katni	Newly sanctioned
40.		DTC at Morena	Newly sanctioned
41.	Maharashtra	DTC at Beed	Construction stage
42.		DTC at Sangli	Construction stage
43.		DTC at Washim	Newly Sanctioned
44.	Nagaland	DTC at Chumoukedima	Construction not started
45.		DTC at Moukokchung	
46.		DTC at Mon	
47.		DTC at Phek	
48.		DTC at Wokha	
49.		DTC at Zunhebota	
50.		DTC at Niuland	Construction stage
51.		Odisha	DTC at Mayurbhanj
52.	Rajasthan	DTC at Bharatpur	Construction not started
53.		DTC at Sri Ganganagar	
54.		DTC at Churu	
55.	Telangana	DTC at Ranga Reddy	Construction not started
56.	Uttar Pradesh	DTC at Bulandshahr	Construction stage
57.		DTC at Prayagraj	Construction not started
58.		DTC at Gazipur	Construction stage
59.		DTC at Firozabad	Construction stage
60.		DTC at Ghaziabad	Construction not started
61.		DTC at Jaunpur	Construction stage
62.		DTC at Mainpuri	Construction stage
63.		DTC at Agra	Construction stage
64.		DTC at Kannauj	Construction stage
65.		DTC at Saharanpur	Construction not started
66.		DTC at Shahjahanpur	Construction stage
67.		DTC at Budaun	Construction stage
68.		DTC at Bhadohi	Newly sanctioned
69.		DTC at Sonbhadra	Newly sanctioned
70.		DTC at Kushinagar	Construction not started
71.		DTC at Shamli	Construction stage
72.		DTC at Gautam Buddha Nagar	Construction not started
