

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3750**  
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026

**COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF JSS SCHEME**

3750. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken a comprehensive review of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan Scheme (JSS);
- (b) if so, the key areas identified for rationalisation, integration or redesign to improve training quality and employability; and
- (c) the future approach of the Government towards creating a simplified and outcome-oriented skilling ecosystem?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

**(a) & (b):** Yes, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has undertaken a comprehensive third-party evaluation of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme through the Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) for the period 2021–2026 in the year 2025.

The evaluation identified several areas for strengthening the scheme to improve training quality and employability outcomes, including:

- i. Revision of funding norms/ budgetary provision, as the existing recurring and non-recurring grants were found inadequate to meet operational and training requirements;
- ii. Strengthening training quality, including improved Training & Learning Materials (TLM), upgraded tools and equipment, and introduction of advanced NSQF-aligned courses;
- iii. Enhancing trainer capacity and incentives, including revision of honorarium and regular Training of Trainers (ToT);
- iv. Improving infrastructure and training delivery at JSS main centres and sub-centres;
- v. Strengthening livelihood and market linkages, including institutionalisation of livelihood cells for employment and self-employment support and recruitment of specialised staff by JSS livelihood development, entrepreneurship and SHG/JLGs Management; and
- vi. Improving governance and monitoring systems, including clearer institutional roles and stronger digital tracking of outcomes.

**(c):** To create a simplified and outcome-oriented skilling ecosystem under the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme, a Livelihood Cell has been established at each JSS, headed by the Programme Officer and supported by other staff. The Cell facilitates linkages of trained beneficiaries—particularly women—with Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) to promote entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities. It also connects beneficiaries with relevant national and state portals, provides counselling for self/wage employment based

on local market demand, and facilitates linkages with employers, banks, micro-finance institutions and State Governments for access to credit and financial assistance.

Further, 51 NSQF-aligned job roles, including 28 new-age roles, have been adopted under the Scheme based on local demand to ensure regionally relevant training and improved employability prospects. Certificates issued to JSS beneficiaries are aligned with the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), carrying the logos of Skill India, JSS and NCVET along with credit information, thereby enhancing the credibility and portability of certification.

In addition, performance monitoring of JSSs is undertaken through periodical inspections by MSDE officials, Regional Directorates of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (RDSDEs) and digital dashboard on the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), enabling real-time tracking and providing targeted support to low-performing or remote-area centres to ensure equitable outcomes.

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