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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4941  
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**Low Participation in Industrial Apprenticeship Training under NATS/NAPS in Tirupati**

**4941. Shri Maddila Gurumoorthy:**

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for low industry participation in apprenticeship training under National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS)/National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) in Tirupati district along with the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to incentivise more establishments to engage apprentices;
- (b) the status of awareness campaigns conducted to inform students and job seekers in the said district about apprenticeship opportunities under NATS/NAPS along with the measurable outcomes achieved from such initiatives; and
- (c) the specific measures taken by the Government to simplify compliance and administrative procedures for Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Tirupati to register and mentor apprentices under the national apprenticeship framework?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
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(a) to (c): The Government is implementing apprenticeship training through the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) under Ministry of Education (MoE), as per the provisions of the Apprentices Act, 1961. To facilitate greater participation, the Government has taken measures such as simplification of procedures through online portals, provision for centralized registration, enabling basic training by establishments and engagement of Third Party Aggregators to assist especially MSMEs in operational and compliance-related activities. Monitoring and review mechanisms have also been strengthened at multiple levels. Currently 28 companies from Tirupati are available under NATS.

Workshops, stakeholder interactions and initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) are conducted to promote apprenticeship training and facilitate effective coordination and engagement between industry, institutions and candidates. Establishments in Andhra Pradesh, including Tirupati district, are participating under both schemes and candidates are being engaged through various outreach initiatives including PMNAM.

The schemes provide for online processes relating to registration, contract generation, stipend payment and monitoring, thereby reducing procedural requirements for establishments, including MSMEs.

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