

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION THROUGH SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified employment generation at local-level and skill development for the youth as a national priority in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up Skill Development Centres for providing start up assistance, set up Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) clusters or implement employment-based schemes in agriculture-dominated and backward areas, such as Chandauli district of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the number of youth benefited so far?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Government of India through its various programmes and policies has prioritised skill development to create self- and wage-employment opportunities, and has moved from fragmented, low-scale skilling efforts towards creating a larger, more coordinated, digitally enabled, and education-integrated skilling and entrepreneurship ecosystem. Under Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country, including women in rural areas. SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills.

Details of the candidates trained under various schemes of MSDE in India, Uttar Pradesh and its Chandauli district are as under:

| | PMKVY (since inception to 31.12.2025) | JSS (Since 2018-19 to 31.12.2025) | NAPS (Since 2018-19 to 31.12.2025) | CTS / ITI (2018-19 to 31.12.2025) |
|--------------------|---|---|--|---|
| All India | 1,64,34,210 | 34,14,181 | 47,19,923 | 1,07,42,151 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 25,09,363 | 6,18,416 | 3,60,627 | 25,50,273 |
| Chandauli district | 18,923 | 13,265 | 2,706 | 29,759 |

The schemes of MSDE are demand driven and training centres under these schemes are set up or engaged on need basis. Details of the training centres engaged under the schemes of MSDE in India, Uttar Pradesh and its Chandauli district are as under:

| | PMKVY 4.0 Centres (STT+SP)* | JSS Centres | NAPS Establishments | ITIs (Govt & Pvt) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Pan India | 12,856 | 294 | 55,424 | 14,615 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 2,581 | 47 | 7,487 | 3,304 |
| Chandauli district | 31 | 1 | 92 | 43 |

* Short-term Training (STT) and Special Projects (SP)

Some additional initiatives of the Government to promote wage and self-employment include:

- i. To enhance the overall quality and relevance of vocational training in the country, Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM SETU) scheme inter-alia aims to upgrade 1,000 Government ITIs (200 Hub ITIs and 800 Spoke ITIs) in a Hub and Spoke model, wherein upgradation includes smart classrooms, modern labs, digital content, and new courses aligned to industry needs. Also, it aims to augment capacity of five NSTIs located in Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana, including setting-up sector-specific National Centres of Excellence for skilling, with focus on advanced training of trainers with global partnership.
- ii. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) implements Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) and Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs) through its autonomous institutions viz. the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida and the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, to promote entrepreneurship and self-employment ventures. Also, MSDE in collaboration with the Women Entrepreneurship Platform of NITI Aayog, launched Swavalambini - a Women Entrepreneurship Programme in February 2025 in the North Eastern States of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and also in Uttar Pradesh and Telangana. The programme aims to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset among female students through Entrepreneurship Awareness Training (EAP) and Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP).
- iii. Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing Micro and Small Enterprises - Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) across the country. This is a demand driven & Central Sector Scheme. The proposals under the scheme are received from the State/UT Governments to address the common needs of existing cluster in their States/UTs. Under MSE-CDP Scheme, the proposal for setting up of Common Facility Centers (CFC) in Rice Mill Cluster, Chandauli in Uttar Pradesh was approved at a total project cost of Rs. 15.00 crore with Gol grant of Rs. 12.0 crore during financial year 2021-22.
- iv. The incubation centres for supporting start-up /new enterprises are being supported by various initiatives/schemes like Agri-Business Incubation Centres by Mo Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Next Generation Incubation scheme of Mo Electronics & IT, Atal Incubation Centres of NITI Aayog, Biotechnology Incubation Centres of D/o Biotechnology, PM Formulation of Micro Food Enterprises of Mo Food Processing Industries, etc.
- v. Further, Government is also implementing employment generation schemes/programmes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deen Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY- NULM), PM Vikshit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, PM Vishwakarma, and others.
