

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 5030**  
ANSWERED ON – 23.03.2026

**OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUTH**

5030. DR. INDRA HANG SUBBA:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes any scheme to impart skill development to the Indian youth for overseas employment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of persons proposed to be skilled and already skilled under the scheme; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated for this purpose?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a to c): Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has established and operationalized seven Skill India International Centres (SIICs) in different states on a pilot basis to facilitate international employment opportunities for the Indian youth. These centres aim to provide internationally aligned domain skill training, language training and pre-departure orientation to support safe and informed migration of skilled workers.

In addition, Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) under the Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY) of the Ministry of External Affairs is imparted at these centres to orient candidates on language familiarisation, cultural aspects of destination countries, labour laws, and safe migration practices.

Since 2023, a total number of 2,929 candidates have been trained (including domain training and language training) at SIIC-Varanasi and SIIC-Bhubaneshwar, and deployment of 433 candidates has been facilitated for overseas employment.

The Ministry, through the National Skill Development Fund (NSDF), has approved funds amounting to ₹70.59 crore for establishment and operationalization of seven SIICs which includes Operational Expenditure (OPEX) for seven centres and Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) for five centres.

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