

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON – 27.07.2026

DIGITAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM

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

- (a) whether the Government has developed any digital platform for skilling, reskilling and upskilling and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of learners, trainers, educational/training institutions and employers registered on the said platform, the key courses available thereon, and the number of youth registered, trained, certified and employed through the platform, State/UT and constituency-wise including Punjab, Odisha and Chhattisgarh, particularly Nabarangpur and Bastar Lok Sabha Constituencies;
- (c) whether the Government has launched any special initiative to equip learners, teachers, trainers and training institutions with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies to enhance employability, strengthen digital skill development and improve transparency in skill certification and, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of educational institutions, teachers, trainers, students and candidates benefited under such initiatives, including the number of skill certificates issued in the said States/Constituencies;
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure effective access to the digital skilling platform for citizens in rural, remote and aspirational districts, including through offline or community-based support mechanisms for persons with limited internet connectivity or digital

literacy and to strengthen AI-based skill development and digital training infrastructure, particularly in the said State/Constituencies; and

(f) the other measures taken by the Government to strengthen digital skill development, improve transparency in skill certification and promote AI-enabled learning across the country?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) The Government has developed Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for the skilling ecosystem under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). Launched on 13th September 2023, it brings the entire skilling ecosystem onto a single unified platform, integrating training, assessment, certification, employment and entrepreneurship services, while allowing training providers, employers and government schemes to onboard onto a common interoperable ecosystem. Built on a mobile-first approach and interoperable with other Government platforms such as National Career Service, eShram, DigiLocker and BHASHINI, SIDH advances the Government's vision of a unified, citizen-centric skilling ecosystem accessible to all.

(b) As per Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) data, a total of 35,17,023 learners are registered under PMKVY 4.0, 52,98,397 under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), 10,19,992 under the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) scheme, and 4,96,755 under the Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) initiative. A total of 78,647 trainers holding a valid Trainer ID are registered on the platform. Further, 13,633 training centres are registered under PMKVY 4.0 (Short Term Training and Special Projects), 296 training centres under the JSS scheme, and 13,888 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are onboarded on SIDH. The key courses available on the platform span short-term skilling and apprenticeship programmes under PMKVY 4.0 and NAPS, community-based training under JSS, and foundational and applied Artificial Intelligence courses under SOAR. The number of youth registered, trained/oriented, certified and employed through the platform, State/UT wise, including in Punjab, Odisha and Chhattisgarh, particularly Nabarangpur and Bastar Lok Sabha Constituencies, is given at **Annexure-A**.

(c) to (f) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), through the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), has launched the Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) initiative to equip learners, educators and the workforce with foundational Artificial Intelligence (AI) knowledge and practical competencies. The initiative comprises nationally recognised, NSQF-aligned, fully online and self-paced AI courses delivered through the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) by NCVET-recognised Awarding Bodies. Subsequently, SOAR has been expanded beyond foundational AI literacy to include AI and AI application-oriented courses focused on AI for jobs, workplace productivity, sector-specific applications, inclusivity, and contextualised AI applications for the informal sector. As on 22.07.2026, a total of 4,96,426 learners have enrolled and 98,576 learners have been certified under the SOAR courses available on the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH).

The Government has undertaken several measures to ensure effective access to digital skilling platforms, including the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), for citizens across rural, remote and aspirational districts. SIDH serves as a one-stop digital platform for accessing skilling, certification, apprenticeship and employment-related opportunities through a single interface.

To facilitate wider outreach and accessibility, the Government has adopted an integrated online and offline approach, including multilingual awareness campaigns, digital outreach, community mobilisation through Panchayats and Common Service Centres, workshops, skill awareness activities and on-ground support initiatives. District Skill Committees are also involved in

identifying local skilling requirements and facilitating training opportunities in rural and underserved areas. Further, initiatives such as Skill Hubs under PMKVY 4.0 and the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme provide skill training opportunities closer to the beneficiaries, including in aspirational, backward and remote regions.

To strengthen AI-based skill development and digital training infrastructure, the Government is promoting skilling in emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Robotics, Cloud Computing, Internet of Things, Data Analytics, Cyber Security and Green Technologies. Digital and blended learning models, industry partnerships and continuous upskilling and reskilling initiatives are being promoted to ensure access to industry-relevant and future-ready skills across the country.

Further, the Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) initiative has been designed as a fully online, self-paced AI learning programme to promote AI-enabled learning across the country through the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH). The courses are NSQF-aligned and credit-linked under the National Credit Framework (NCrF), with credits being integrated with the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) to facilitate transparent recognition and accumulation of learning outcomes. This enables learners to access nationally recognised AI courses from anywhere in the country while promoting portability, transparency and lifelong learning within the skilling ecosystem.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1187 ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

State/Ut-Wise Number of Candidates Enrolled and Certified

TC State	No of Candidates Enrolled					No of Candidates Certified				
	SOAR	PMKVY 4.0	NAPS	JSS	ITI	SOAR	PMKVY 4.0	NAPS	JSS	ITI
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	326	2,320	569	3,597	2,148	64	1,053	188	3,590	743
Andhra Pradesh	33,140	1,07,607	1,17,246	21,564	1,57,228	5,817	47,345	23,245	21,552	46,688
Arunachal Pradesh	391	19,924	446	-	2,099	104	7,025	71	-	793
Assam	11,556	1,78,170	53,738	21,637	15,306	2,720	72,075	8,870	21,595	5,633
Bihar	32,660	1,53,331	37,050	74,504	3,58,672	5,210	79,922	6,327	72,269	88,314
Chandigarh	633	1,815	7,022	3,232	3,156	123	913	1,233	2,962	1,416
Chhattisgarh	8,010	32,354	32,728	50,505	70,433	1,444	16,089	14,891	50,283	28,867
Delhi	15,842	35,112	1,33,771	5,634	30,626	2,448	17,074	9,203	5,594	11,910
Goa	690	494	49,960	10,774	6,820	169	339	4,065	10,743	2,688
Gujarat	18,103	81,501	5,65,729	3,519	2,68,055	3,199	37,567	1,06,241	3,498	90,285
Haryana	16,587	1,41,757	3,99,524	29,440	1,59,886	3,475	80,072	91,408	29,316	57,587
Himachal Pradesh	4,351	37,497	48,947	6,770	59,145	943	19,868	5,188	6,578	25,551
Jammu And Kashmir	8,508	1,49,598	5,878	37,037	26,777	2,033	92,376	1,012	36,811	10,847
Jharkhand	10,106	47,499	59,921	2,977	1,28,702	1,531	26,521	24,061	2,856	31,108
Karnataka	20,481	1,20,988	4,47,703	44,099	2,15,010	4,446	61,903	57,117	43,933	54,491
Kerala	8,784	28,861	78,383	42,986	93,773	1,866	10,946	29,481	42,957	38,201
Ladakh	78	1,331	204	32,228	1,164	13	526	87	32,129	498
Lakshadweep	11	120	59	717	911	0	0	44	717	460
Madhya Pradesh	24,454	3,98,725	1,49,759	1,924	2,22,503	3,934	2,13,734	29,991	1,924	59,989
Maharashtra	71,075	1,60,552	13,46,717	1,04,099	3,74,708	14,226	74,927	2,25,703	1,03,805	1,27,192
Manipur	1,553	31,935	609	75,193	2,427	625	15,539	24	74,840	867
Meghalaya	647	16,653	1,212	14,659	2,706	136	6,242	136	14,524	1,073
Mizoram	133	14,142	473	3,539	984	22	6,026	16	3,539	369
Nagaland	256	18,296	176	1,885	943	48	7,044	9	1,864	406
Odisha	13,695	68,274	61,896	3,100	1,82,004	2,225	31,506	21,858	3,080	45,574
Puducherry	597	7,844	17,048	-	2,195	143	3,602	1,759	-	672
Punjab	9,159	1,78,045	96,176	1,04,612	1,28,614	1,757	1,10,297	16,204	1,04,387	45,201
Rajasthan	22,656	3,80,574	1,15,488	6,618	2,89,003	3,885	2,51,836	19,285	6,615	77,125
Sikkim	204	7,108	2,249	-	1,096	23	1,962	114	-	409
Tamil Nadu	23,161	1,62,257	5,41,317	31,834	1,15,712	5,526	99,847	49,263	31,750	35,375
Telangana	16,176	61,604	2,27,138	30,942	1,03,614	3,268	32,740	45,428	30,665	24,620
The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	3,004	2,067	14,708	21,780	2,571	861	1,374	700	21,755	1,011
Tripura	2,144	32,513	2,771	7,047	7,406	818	14,196	459	7,018	2,080
Uttar Pradesh	86,453	6,91,315	4,10,215	1,65,567	10,35,939	15,576	4,12,151	63,435	1,64,474	2,15,610
Uttarakhand	6,145	61,938	1,15,059	28,662	31,686	1,147	34,419	12,073	28,627	8,867
West Bengal	24,986	82,902	1,56,508	27,311	1,26,750	4,779	40,156	23,449	27,200	43,515
Total	4,96,755	35,17,023	52,98,397	10,19,992	42,30,772	94,604	19,29,212	8,92,638	10,13,450	11,86,035

PMKVY 4.0 District-wise Update for Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Punjab, as per SIDH reports till 30.06.2026:

TC State	TC District	Training Centres (STT+SP)	Short Term Training (STT+SP)			Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)			Total Enrolled	Total Trained/Oriented
			Enrolled	Trained/Oriented	Certified	Enrolled	Trained/Oriented	Certified		
Chhattisgarh	Balod	2	153	138	91	181	181	76	334	319
Chhattisgarh	Balodabazar-Bhatapara	4	475	312	160	-	-	-	475	312
Chhattisgarh	Balrampur-Ramanujanj	2	1,530	1,050	957	-	-	-	1,530	1,050
Chhattisgarh	Bastar	12	1,645	1,276	1,013	70	50	31	1,715	1,326
Chhattisgarh	Bemetara	4	472	456	316	-	-	-	472	456
Chhattisgarh	Bijapur	4	725	460	159	-	-	-	725	460
Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	12	1,555	1,204	419	467	-	-	2,022	1,204
Chhattisgarh	Dakshin Bastar Dantewada	6	397	307	205	-	-	-	397	307
Chhattisgarh	Dhamtari	7	638	638	308	510	510	332	1,148	1,148
Chhattisgarh	Durg	16	2,294	1,648	759	757	757	466	3,051	2,405
Chhattisgarh	Gariyaband	2	838	687	456	-	-	-	838	687
Chhattisgarh	Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi	1	401	191	185	-	-	-	401	191
Chhattisgarh	Janjgir-Champa	6	1,591	1,129	511	-	-	-	1,591	1,129
Chhattisgarh	Jashpur	4	1,271	967	721	-	-	-	1,271	967
Chhattisgarh	Kabeerdham	4	445	359	244	-	-	-	445	359
Chhattisgarh	Kondagaon	5	650	537	307	-	-	-	650	537
Chhattisgarh	Korba	7	1,083	933	553	-	-	-	1,083	933
Chhattisgarh	Korea	6	1,234	910	659	-	-	-	1,234	910
Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund	13	1,424	1,348	876	41	41	-	1,465	1,389
Chhattisgarh	Mungeli	3	350	294	115	69	68	54	419	362
Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur	3	279	279	118	-	-	-	279	279
Chhattisgarh	Raigarh	5	1,133	982	587	-	-	-	1,133	982
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	19	1,608	1,108	527	138	120	57	1,746	1,228
Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon	14	1,965	1,837	1,046	942	918	612	2,907	2,755
Chhattisgarh	Sukma	2	87	85	42	-	-	-	87	85
Chhattisgarh	Surajpur	11	2,695	2,275	1,849	-	-	-	2,695	2,275
Chhattisgarh	Surguja	5	2,057	1,472	1,223	-	-	-	2,057	1,472
Chhattisgarh	Uttar Bastar Kanker	4	184	125	55	-	-	-	184	125
Odisha	Angul	7	1,027	976	635	-	-	-	1,027	976
Odisha	Balangir	7	1,809	1,268	623	-	-	-	1,809	1,268
Odisha	Balasore	10	2,881	1,953	1,091	1,114	986	632	3,995	2,939
Odisha	Bargarh	5	1,775	1,216	695	-	-	-	1,775	1,216
Odisha	Bhadrak	5	508	452	340	-	-	-	508	452
Odisha	Boudh	4	1,481	1,023	428	288	152	118	1,769	1,175
Odisha	Cuttack	13	1,741	1,384	747	1,413	1,309	895	3,154	2,693
Odisha	Deogarh	1	34	34	-	29	29	-	63	63
Odisha	Dhenkanal	11	1,782	1,400	821	843	763	384	2,625	2,163
Odisha	Gajapati	3	1,126	932	588	1,315	1,248	750	2,441	2,180
Odisha	Ganjam	11	4,948	2,925	2,232	2,767	2,763	2,378	7,715	5,688
Odisha	Jagatsinghapur	6	1,138	837	585	1,042	935	473	2,180	1,772
Odisha	Jajpur	5	220	100	64	294	284	144	514	384
Odisha	Jharsuguda	1	20	20	20	-	-	-	20	20
Odisha	Kalahandi	2	46	43	24	92	92	-	138	135
Odisha	Kandhamal	6	1,706	1,105	839	370	340	183	2,076	1,445
Odisha	Kendrapara	7	2,351	1,299	700	865	714	389	3,216	2,013
Odisha	Keonjhar	4	980	412	12	133	133	81	1,113	545
Odisha	Khordha	43	8,661	6,463	3,956	677	661	360	9,338	7,124
Odisha	Koraput	5	1,568	936	396	132	122	47	1,700	1,058
Odisha	Malkangiri	4	1,132	601	472	-	-	-	1,132	601
Odisha	Mayurbhanj	25	3,275	2,422	972	394	291	277	3,669	2,713

Odisha	Nabarangpur	3	1,671	1,012	929	-	-	-	1,671	1,012
Odisha	Nayagarh	8	1,886	1,401	1,041	292	237	174	2,178	1,638
Odisha	Nuapada	3	1,937	1,380	1,274	73	48	-	2,010	1,428
Odisha	Puri	10	1,229	840	355	2,206	1,862	1,383	3,435	2,702
Odisha	Rayagada	11	2,291	1,688	1,071	886	886	529	3,177	2,574
Odisha	Sambalpur	8	663	575	307	178	177	112	841	752
Odisha	Sonepur	3	1,180	788	434	-	-	-	1,180	788
Odisha	Sundargarh	11	1,734	1,110	504	71	65	42	1,805	1,175
Punjab	Amritsar	24	13,629	8,408	5,565	-	-	-	13,629	8,408
Punjab	Barnala	13	2,342	1,982	1,586	309	197	186	2,651	2,179
Punjab	Bathinda	56	14,483	11,711	9,620	-	-	-	14,483	11,711
Punjab	Faridkot	22	6,572	5,006	2,786	-	-	-	6,572	5,006
Punjab	Fatehgarh Sahib	4	322	267	205	-	-	-	322	267
Punjab	Fazilka	66	15,737	14,951	13,684	2,969	2,719	2,110	18,706	17,670
Punjab	Ferozepur	40	8,241	7,217	5,814	1,834	1,555	1,151	10,075	8,772
Punjab	Gurdaspur	20	3,327	3,085	2,562	45	-	-	3,372	3,085
Punjab	Hoshiarpur	13	3,731	2,942	1,999	585	536	417	4,316	3,478
Punjab	Jalandhar	37	12,359	7,854	5,878	1,295	1,156	698	13,654	9,010
Punjab	Kapurthala	7	1,847	1,488	1,073	1,000	940	580	2,847	2,428
Punjab	Ludhiana	57	11,898	9,966	8,652	3,197	2,766	1,866	15,095	12,732
Punjab	Mansa	45	13,094	11,179	9,935	-	-	-	13,094	11,179
Punjab	Moga	44	9,895	7,642	6,332	1,436	1,436	577	11,331	9,078
Punjab	Pathankot	15	4,174	2,855	2,190	480	480	62	4,654	3,335
Punjab	Patiala	38	9,891	8,008	6,021	3,829	2,679	1,702	13,720	10,687
Punjab	Rupnagar	13	2,393	2,292	1,628	-	-	-	2,393	2,292
Punjab	S.A.S Nagar	22	4,040	3,250	1,915	755	701	320	4,795	3,951
Punjab	Sangrur	35	7,907	6,685	5,412	375	240	236	8,282	6,925
Punjab	Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar	11	3,939	1,821	1,169	-	-	-	3,939	1,821
Punjab	Sri Muktsar Sahib	28	6,785	5,630	4,675	980	666	556	7,765	6,296
Punjab	Tarn Taran	9	2,081	1,443	990	269	249	145	2,350	1,692
Total	-	1,044	2,40,666	1,85,284	1,36,307	38,007	33,062	21,585	2,78,673	2,18,346
