

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1261
ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

NAPS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1261. DR.GUMMA THANUJA RANI:

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

- (a) the details of funds released under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) to establishments in Andhra Pradesh during 2024-25 and 2025-26, year-wise;
- (b) the number of apprentices enrolled and stipend support disbursed under the NAPS in Andhra Pradesh during the said period, district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that districts including Alluri Sitharama Raju, Bapatla, Konaseema and Parvathipuram Manyam recorded low or zero enrolments under the Scheme in the said years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken to engage industries and establishments in such districts?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched in August 2016. The scheme was extended to continue as NAPS-2 from FY 2022-23. Under, NAPS 2.0, the stipend support by Government of India (GoI) is paid through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the bank account of apprentices.

A total of Rs.41.69 crore (including Rs.40.30 crore DBT amount) released to the state of Andhra Pradesh during FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26. The year-wise funds released under NAPS to the state of Andhra Pradesh is as under :

Govt. share of Stipend disbursed through DBT (Rs in Crore)	
FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
18.33	21.97

(b) A total of 48,521 apprentices have been engaged in the state of Andhra Pradesh during FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26. The district-wise and year-wise apprentices engaged and fund released (through DBT) in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the same period is placed at **Table I of the Annexure**.

(c) & (d) Apprenticeship engagement under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) varies across districts depending on the presence of eligible establishments, industrial activity.

The Apprentices Act, 1961 provides a framework for establishments to utilize their training infrastructure and workplace facilities for imparting apprenticeship training. Under the Act, establishments employing four or more workers are eligible to engage apprentices, while

engagement of apprentices is mandatory for establishments having thirty or more workers, subject to the provisions of the Act.

To increase apprenticeship opportunities in districts with low enrolment, the Government has been undertaking awareness generation, employer outreach and candidate mobilization activities through Regional Directorates of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (RDSEs) and other stakeholders. In addition, Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Melas (PMNAMS) are being organized across the country since June 2022 to facilitate engagement between employers and youth. States/UTs, including Andhra Pradesh, have been advised to conduct PMNAMS regularly based on local requirements. Apprenticeship opportunities under NAPS are available across all districts, including Alluri Sitharama Raju, Bapatla, Konaseema and Parvathipuram Manyam, through participating establishments, and efforts are being made to encourage greater participation of both establishments and youth in apprenticeship training.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1261 ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026 REGARDING “NAPS IN ANDHRA PRADESH”.

Table I: The district-wise and year-wise details of apprentices engaged, and funds released under NAPS-2 to the State of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

S No .	District	Number of apprentices engaged under NAPS		Stipend disbursed through DBT (Rs in Crore)	
		FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2024-25*	FY 2025-26*
1.	Alluri Sitharama Raju	-	6	0.1	0.14
2.	Anakapalli	98	170	0.35	0.5
3.	Ananthapuramu	4,164	5,568	1.37	1.32
4.	Annamayya	58	57	0.28	0.43
5.	Bapatla	67	82	0.21	0.28
6.	Chittoor	3,674	3,184	1.47	1.58
7.	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	74	71	0.18	0.28
8.	East Godavari	536	953	1.43	1.72
9.	Eluru	261	597	0.32	0.36
10.	Guntur	506	623	1.11	1.17
11.	Kakinada	762	708	0.51	0.69
12.	Krishna	1,016	1,348	1.09	1.13
13.	Kurnool	165	304	1.24	1.29
14.	Nandyal	81	111	0.33	0.4
15.	Ntr	757	684	0.61	0.66
16.	Palnadu	54	84	0.18	0.27
17.	Parvathipuram Manyam	9	43	0.11	0.19
18.	Prakasam	104	157	0.65	0.82
19.	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	380	554	0.44	0.7
20.	Sri Sathya Sai	1,711	1,847	0.46	0.55
21.	Srikakulam	560	675	0.86	1.19
22.	Tirupati	2,451	3,197	1.19	1.22
23.	Visakhapatnam	2,951	3,036	1.1	1.27
24.	Vizianagaram	210	295	0.82	0.94
25.	West Godavari	257	307	0.85	0.97
26.	Y.s.r.	1,169	1,785	1.07	1.9
	Total	22,075	26,446	18.33	21.97

*Includes DBT disbursements made to apprentices engaged during the previous financial year.
