

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1306
ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN WEST BENGAL

1306. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK DEV:

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

- (a) whether the State Government of West Bengal has participated in the Central Government sponsored skill Development Programme during the last three years and the current year; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Under the Government of India's 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 sections of the society across the country including the state of West Bengal. The details of these schemes are as follows:

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY): The PMKVY Scheme is for imparting skill development training through Short-Term Training (STT) and up-skilling and re-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country including the state of West Bengal.

Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme: The scheme aims to impart vocational skills to the non-literates, neo-literates and the persons having a rudimentary level of education and school dropouts up to 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years, with due age relaxation in case of "Divyangjan" and other deserving cases. Priority is given to Women, SC, ST, OBC and Minorities in the rural areas and urban low-income areas.

National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS): This Scheme is for promoting apprenticeship training and increasing the engagement of apprentices by providing financial support for payment of stipend to apprentices. Training consists of Basic Training and On-the-Job Training / Practical Training at the workplace in the industry.

Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS): This scheme is for providing long-term training through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country. The ITIs offer a range of vocational/skill training courses covering many economic sectors with the objective to provide a skilled workforce to the industry as well as self-employment of youth.

Scheme-wise number of candidates trained/oriented/engaged/enrolled in West Bengal under major skill development schemes of MSDE from FY 2023-24 to 2026-27 (as on 30.06.2026) are as under:

Financial Year	Number of Candidates trained/oriented under major schemes of MSDE			
	PMKVY	JSS	NAPS (Apprentices engaged)	CTS* (candidates enrolled)
2023-24	25,768	12,599	29,538	37,711
2024-25	36,410	13,133	23,324	44,211
2025-26	3,916	14,118	35,153	40,216
2026-27 (as on 30.06.2026)	1,301	60	8,531	42,323

* From Session 2022 to 2025
