

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 158
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026

Status of National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS)

158. Dr. Byreddy Shabari:
Shri Appalanaidu Kalisetti:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS), including the total number of apprentices enrolled and completed under the scheme since inception, year-wise and State-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the number of establishments/industries participating in NATS, State-wise and sector-wise;
- (c) the number of apprentices currently undergoing training, including details of trade/sector-wise, gender-wise and State/UT-wise distribution;
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for NATS during the last five years, along with reasons for any shortfall in expenditure;
- (e) whether any shortfalls or gaps have been observed in implementation, such as inadequate industry participation, limited training capacity or delays in stipend disbursement and the steps taken to address them, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the key learnings and challenges identified from implementation of NATS and the steps being considered to scale up the scheme, improve placement outcomes and enhance industry participation nationally?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (f): The year-wise and State/UT-wise details of apprentices enrolled and completed under the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) during the last five years (FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26), including Andhra Pradesh, are given at Annexure-I.

Currently (as on 13th July 2026) approximately 3,28,347 apprentices are undergoing apprenticeship training under the Scheme. Out of these, 2,02,598 are male, 1,25,744 are female and 5 are transgender apprentices.

At present, 17,625 establishments are registered under NATS across the States/UTs of the country in various sector (Annexure II). Apprentices are undergoing training in establishments across a wide range of trades/sectors. The major sectors includes IT/ITES,

Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI), Automobile & Auto Components, Electrical & Electronics, Healthcare, Pharma, telecom and others.

The details of funds allocated and released under NATS during the last five years are given at Annexure-III.

To further strengthen the implementation of the Scheme, efforts have been made to enhance awareness, expand industry participation and strengthen collaboration among Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), industries and State Governments. In this regard, the Boards of Apprenticeship Training/Practical Training (BoATs/BoPT) are collaborating with stakeholders to organise apprenticeship-cum-job fairs, career guidance programmes, industry-institute interaction meetings etc. to encourage greater participation of industries and eligible youth.

ANNEXURE I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 158, ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT DR. BYREDDY SHABARI AND SHRI APPLANAIDU KALISSETTI ON 20.07.2026. REGARDING "STATUS OF NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING SCHEME (NATS)"

State / UT	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	20	32	19	18	14
Andhra Pradesh	-	1422	577	3696	1,851
Arunachal Pradesh	93	71	15	17	35
Assam	938	1968	1380	1721	2,249
Bihar	914	4621	7112	16565	8,296
Chandigarh	49	270	800	2053	2,366
Chhattisgarh	1050	2535	847	2342	3,423
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	119	186	215	511	590
Delhi	2029	3257	6499	9727	9,525
Goa	529	766	798	957	892
Gujarat	4824	8278	9516	15817	18,631
Haryana	4252	16275	25691	44274	41,476
Himachal Pradesh	527	486	1106	2350	2,450
Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh	29	158	272	471	632
Jharkhand	2800	3558	3387	10158	5,883
Karnataka	6402	10314	11113	27456	24,513
Kerala	2555	8145	8478	18152	8,698
Lakshadweep	-	-	-	2	-
Madhya Pradesh	1191	2278	2239	6777	9,025
Maharashtra	34539	55664	50048	114127	118,214
Manipur	33	29	3	116	53
Meghalaya	31	29	67	39	66
Mizoram	28	43	33	72	157
Nagaland	3	4	10	42	49
Odisha	21798	34938	15538	28279	45,811
Puducherry	304	718	422	748	833
Punjab	390	480	2614	2034	2,614
Rajasthan	945	4492	7467	15100	11,221
Sikkim	475	405	601	651	626
Tamil Nadu	33332	45967	28453	56112	74,029
Telangana	4793	11284	8988	35604	22,666
Tripura	120	189	141	295	274
Uttar Pradesh	6734	16846	11587	21706	21,857
Uttarakhand	696	3084	1779	9172	4,732
West Bengal	15616	29250	49890	75863	81,936
Total	1,48,158	2,68,042	2,57,705	5,23,024	5,25,687

ANNEXURE II

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States/UT	Number of Establishment Registered
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	6
Andhra Pradesh	219
Arunachal Pradesh	10
Assam	236
Bihar	658
Chandigarh	164
Chhattisgarh	147
Delhi	501
Goa	86
Gujarat	1335
Haryana	1165
Himachal Pradesh	515
Jammu and Kashmir	134
Jharkhand	502
Karnataka	1213
Kerala	779
Ladakh	3
Lakshadweep	1
Madhya Pradesh	430
Maharashtra	2804
Manipur	10
Meghalaya	8
Mizoram	35
Nagaland	3
Odisha	528
Puducherry	116
Punjab	440
Rajasthan	833
Sikkim	32
Tamil Nadu	1644
Telangana	533
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	49
Tripura	8
Uttar Pradesh	1028
Uttarakhand	289
West Bengal	1161
Total	17625

ANNEXURE III

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(Amount in Crore)

Financial Year	Budget Allocation (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Funds Released Actual
2021-2022	175	150	96.75*
2022-2023	500	400	400
2023-2024	440	460	460
2024-2025	600	758	758
2025-2026	1,178	1,178	1,178
TOTAL	2,893	2,946	2,892.75

* Lower fund utilisation during FY 2021–22 was primarily attributable to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.