

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 66
ANSWERED ON 20/07/2026

SKILL INDIA MISSION

66. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

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

- (a) the major achievements of the Skill India Mission during the last twelve years and the current year including the number of youth trained, certified and employed under various skill development programmes, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the progress made in vocational education, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship development and digital skilling under the said Mission;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the impact of Skill India initiatives on employability, job creation and industry readiness of the workforce, and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of beneficiaries and skill development infrastructure created in Madhya Pradesh, particularly in Satna district; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to align skill development programmes with emerging sectors such as Artificial Intelligence, semiconductors, green jobs, advanced manufacturing to achieve the objectives of Viksit Bharat 2047?

ANSWER

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

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(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 Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country. The SIM aims at enabling the youth of India to get future-ready, equipped with industry-relevant skills. State-wise details of the candidates trained/enrolled under various schemes of MSDE are at **Annexure-I**.

Amongst the schemes of MSDE, placements were tracked under the Short-Term Training component of PMKVY only in the first three versions (PMKVY 1.0, PMKVY 2.0 and PMKVY 3.0) implemented from 2015-16 to 2021-22. State-wise details of candidates placed under first three versions of PMKVY (1.0 to 3.0) are at **Annexure-II**. Out of 56.89 lakh candidates that have been certified under Short-Term Training, 24.3 lakh candidates have been reported placed with a placement rate at 42.8%. Under PMKVY 4.0, the focus is to empower the trained candidates to choose their varied career path with orientation through industry relevant skill courses that include the On-the-Job Training (OJT).

Apart from vocational training and apprenticeship, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) under the aegis of MSDE conduct Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) and Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) nationwide to foster an entrepreneurial mindset focus on training, credit access, and market access. PM Vishwakarma scheme, launched in September 2023, provides holistic support (upskilling, toolkits, and collateral-free credit) to artisans in 18 traditional trades. MSDE launched Swavalambini programme in February 2025 in the North Eastern States of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and in Uttar Pradesh and Telangana to cultivate entrepreneurial mindsets among female candidates. Thus far, total of 1200 female candidates have been trained under EAP and 602 candidates have been trained under EDP.

Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) is the unified digital public infrastructure platform that facilitates course discovery, enrolment, and certification. MSDE has introduced job roles in emerging sectors such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotics, Drone Technology, Mechatronics, and Internet of Things under schemes like PMKVY and CTS. DGT has signed MoUs with global tech leaders including IBM, Microsoft, Autodesk, AWS, Shell, etc. to facilitate the provision of technical and professional skills training in modern technologies. The Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) programme offers structured foundational and applied AI skill development for both students and educators.

(c) Government undertakes periodic reviews of skilling initiatives under the Skill India Mission, assessing enrolment, certification, placement, self-employment outcomes and employer feedback to gauge their effectiveness in strengthening employability and future skills. Details of impact assessment studies of major programmes are as follows:

PMKVY 4.0: An independent third-party impact evaluation of the PMKVY 4.0 has been conducted by Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM), an autonomous Institution of Ministry of Finance, Government of India in 2025. As per the report, PMKVY training has contributed to a measurable shift in employment outcomes for short term training (STT) candidates. The combined share of employed and self-employed STT respondents increased from 26.6% prior to training to 45.4% after PMKVY training, reflecting an 18.8 percentage point increase. 41.4% of STT candidates and 48.9% of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) candidates reported an increase in income following training and certification. Overall, PMKVY 4.0 has significantly expanded access to formal skill training and certification and has generated measurable improvements in skill confidence, employment participation, and income outcomes for a substantial proportion of beneficiaries.

JSS: A third-party evaluation of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme was conducted by the Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM), an autonomous Institution of Ministry of Finance, Government of India, in 2025 to assess the scheme's outreach, effectiveness and livelihood outcomes. The evaluation highlighted significant achievements of the scheme, with 33.94 lakh individuals enrolled, of whom 32 lakh were trained and 31.52 lakh certified, reflecting an overall success rate of 99 percent. Women constituted a dominant 82 percent share of total participants, while 73 percent beneficiaries belonged to marginalized sections, including SC/ST (36 percent) and OBC (37 percent). The livelihood impact has been noteworthy, with 90 percent alumni utilising acquired skills for income generation, 82 percent becoming economically engaged within six months of training, and 60 percent of previously non-earning individuals starting to earn post-training.

NAPS: A third-party evaluation study of Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (PMNAPS-2) from 2022-23 to 2025-26 (Data up to 30th November 2025) was conducted by the Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM). As per the report, PMNAPS-2 achieved significant scale during the evaluation period, engaging 34.69 lakh apprentices against a cumulative target of 46 lakh, translating into an overall achievement

of approximately 75 percent. The institutionalization of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has improved financial transparency and predictability.

(d) The details of the candidates trained and the training centres set-up or engaged in Madhya Pradesh and its Satna district are at **Annexure-III**.

(e) To ensure active engagement of the industry and aligning the skill training programmes with emerging sectors such as Artificial Intelligence, semiconductors, green jobs, advanced manufacturing, MSDE has inter-alia taken the following steps:

- National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) has been set up as an overarching regulator establishing regulations and standards to ensure quality in the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) space. NCVET recognises the industry bodies as the Awarding Bodies (ABs) and/or Assessment Agencies (AAs).
- The Awarding Bodies are expected to develop the qualifications as per the industry demand and map them with the identified occupations as per the National Classification of Occupations, 2015 and obtain industry validations. NCVET has approved 10209 qualifications as per the industry requirements, out of which 2975 qualifications are valid and active, and 7234 qualifications are archived.
- Directorate General of Training (DGT) is implementing Flexi MoU Scheme and Dual System of Training (DST) in collaboration with industries to provide training to ITI students in real industrial environment.
- DGT has signed MoU with IT Tech and other companies like IBM, Microsoft, Autodesk, AWS, Shell, etc. to ensure industry linkages for the institutes at the state and regional levels. These partnerships facilitate the provision of technical and professional skills training in modern and green technologies.
- Under PMKVY, the new age/future skills job-roles have been specially aligned with Industry 4.0 requirements in areas like AI/ML, Robotics, Mechatronics, Drone Technology, etc. for upcoming market demand and industry requirements.
- DGT has introduced new age /future skills courses under CTS to provide training in emerging areas such as 5G Network, AI Programming, Cyber Security, Drone Technology, Internet of Things, etc.
- Two (02) Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) have been established at Ahmedabad and Mumbai, in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, with an aim to align industry-ready workforce to emerging economic opportunities.
- 36 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), led by industry leaders in the respective sectors, have been set up which are mandated to identify the skill development needs of respective sectors.

ANNEXURES REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 66 ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026.

Annexure-I

State-wise details of candidates trained/engaged/enrolled under schemes of MSDE:

State/UT	PMKVY (since inception to 30.06.2026)	JSS (Since 2018-19 to 30.06.2026)	NAPS (Since 2018-19 to 30.06.2026)	CTS / ITI (2018 to 2025)
A&N Islands	5,838	8,097	569	4,574
Andhra Pradesh	535,681	84,506	1,17,246	4,16,695
Arunachal Pradesh	98,231	726	446	5,059
Assam	848,120	74,425	53,738	31,356
Bihar	764,075	2,46,242	37,050	8,84,949
Chandigarh	28,230	13,006	7,022	7,679
Chhattisgarh	205,017	1,58,564	32,728	1,76,809
Delhi	528,800	42,656	1,33,771	80,267
Goa	10,496	13,766	49,960	16,408
Gujarat	473,270	1,29,951	5,65,729	6,80,947
Haryana	764,665	55,380	3,99,524	4,30,045
Himachal Pradesh	177,549	95,942	48,947	1,63,850
Jammu And Kashmir	433,724	15,153	5,878	57,682
Jharkhand	315,290	1,13,998	59,921	2,83,095
Karnataka	609,367	1,52,682	4,47,703	5,64,167
Kerala	275,165	1,25,363	78,383	2,69,251
Ladakh	4,076	1,529	204	2,005
Lakshadweep	390	5,177	59	2,356
Madhya Pradesh	1,233,837	3,92,298	1,49,759	5,82,081
Maharashtra	1,337,900	2,93,055	13,46,717	9,45,222
Manipur	115,543	51,070	609	3,482
Meghalaya	60,807	6,999	1,212	5,661
Mizoram	44,449	7,057	473	2,533
Nagaland	55,711	13,802	176	2,014
Odisha	603,909	3,36,577	61,896	4,43,484
Puducherry	36,333	-	17,048	6,040
Punjab	577,143	24,311	96,176	3,37,863
Rajasthan	1,409,480	1,02,323	1,15,488	8,46,973
Sikkim	19,529	-	2,249	2,569
Tamil Nadu	894,314	1,09,851	5,41,317	2,84,559
Telangana	469,063	83,340	2,27,138	2,55,735
DNH & DD	11,971	17,436	14,708	4,640
Tripura	163,792	22,032	2,771	17,811
Uttar Pradesh	2,522,287	6,58,156	4,10,215	25,50,273
Uttarakhand	254,149	1,00,558	1,15,059	83,686
West Bengal	653,478	1,01,992	1,56,508	2,90,331
Overall	16,541,679	36,58,020	52,98,397	1,07,42,151

State-wise details of candidates placed under PMKVY (1.0 to 3.0):

State	Reported Placed
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	124
Andhra Pradesh	111,640
Arunachal Pradesh	14,014
Assam	67,257
Bihar	127,855
Chandigarh	6,361
Chhattisgarh	28,142
Delhi	78,349
Goa	1,105
Gujarat	69,289
Haryana	158,981
Himachal Pradesh	27,185
Jammu And Kashmir	53,656
Jharkhand	29,461
Karnataka	74,225
Kerala	26,385
Ladakh	1,063
Lakshadweep	-
Madhya Pradesh	221,845
Maharashtra	80,950
Manipur	16,094
Meghalaya	13,608
Mizoram	9,682
Nagaland	6,181
Odisha	71,066
Puducherry	10,504
Punjab	128,913
Rajasthan	186,018
Sikkim	3,942
Tamil Nadu	172,336
Telangana	112,967
DND & DD	2,817
Tripura	18,682
Uttar Pradesh	338,882
Uttarakhand	52,597
West Bengal	115,711
Overall	2,437,887

Details of the candidates trained/engaged:

	PMKVY (Since inception to June, 2026)	JSS (Since 2018-19 to June, 2026)	NAPS (Since 2018-19 to June, 2026)	CTS / ITI (2018 to 2025)
Madhya Pradesh	1,233,837	3,92,298	1,49,759	5,82,081
Satna district	24,277	14,299	1,101	14,759

Details of the training centres:

	PMKVY 4.0 Centres (STT+SP)*	JSS Centres	NAPS Establishments	ITI (Govt & Pvt)
Madhya Pradesh	1417	30	1,394	847
Satna district	30	01	44	18

* Short-term Training (STT) and Special Projects (SP)
