

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1315
ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

PMKVY TRAINING IN DARJEELING AND KALIMPONG

1315. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the total number of youths enrolled, trained and certified under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong during the last five years and the current year, year- and sector-wise;
- (b) the details of training partners and centres affiliated with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) currently operating in these two hill districts;
- (c) the total financial incentives or post-placement stipends disbursed directly to certified youth from the said districts via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under PMKVY; and
- (d) the details of number of candidates from the said districts secured verified, long-term employment or formal apprenticeships under PMKVY?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), launched in 2015, has progressively evolved towards demand-driven, industry-aligned and outcome-oriented skilling. PMKVY has been implemented across the country, including West Bengal, through Short-Term Training, Recognition of Prior Learning and Special Projects. As on 30th June 2026, number of candidates trained and certified for the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong is given below:

District	Trained	Certified
Darjeeling	27,882	23,399
Kalimpong	528	302
Total	28,410	23,701

The financial year-wise and sector-wise details for the last five financial years and the current year for the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong is placed at **Annexure-I**.

(b) Training partners and training centres are accredited and affiliated under PMKVY scheme to implement project based skilling activities. Currently, there is no ongoing training under PMKVY 4.0 in these districts.

(c) The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under PMKVY for the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong are ₹17.97 lakh and ₹2.04 lakh respectively including post-placement stipend.

(d) Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), placements were tracked in the Short-Term Training (STT) component in the first three versions of the Scheme which is PMKVY 1.0, PMKVY 2.0 and PMKVY 3.0 implemented from FY 2015-16 to FY 2021-22. Under PMKVY 4.0 which is under implementation since FY 2022-23, the focus is to empower trained candidates

to choose their varied career path and they are suitably oriented for the same through On-Job Training (OJT) embedded industry relevant skill courses. The number of candidates self-employed and wage-employed from the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong in first three versions of PMKVY is given below:

District	Self-employed	Wage-employed
Darjeeling	402	2,635
Kalimpong	5	26
Total	407	2,661

Further, it is mentioned that the Government of India launched 'National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme' (NAPS) in August, 2016 with the objective to promote apprenticeship training and to increase the engagement of apprentices. Since 2022-23, the scheme continues as NAPS-2 and implemented throughout the country, including **Darjeeling and Kalimpong**. NAPS-2 aims to promote apprenticeship training in the country, by providing partial stipend support to the apprentices engaged under the Apprentice Act, 1961, undertaking capacity building of the apprenticeship ecosystem, and providing advocacy assistance to the stakeholders. Accordingly, the scheme facilitates a partial stipend support limited to 25% of stipend paid, up to a maximum of Rs.1,500 per month, per apprentice during the training period. The stipend support by Gol is being paid through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the bank account of apprentice.

The total number of apprentices engaged in Darjeeling and Kalimpong during last five years including current year under NAPS is given below:

District	Total
Darjeeling	3,136
Kalimpong	50
Total	3,186

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1315 ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

Financial year-wise and sector-wise PMKVY progress in Darjeeling and Kalimpong

(up to 30 June 2026)

		F.Y.-2021-22			F.Y.-2022-23			F.Y.-2023-24			F.Y.-2024-25			F.Y.-2025-26	Total		
District	Sector	*E	*T/O	*C	*E	*T/O	*C	*E	*T/O	*C	*E	*T/O	*C	*C	*E	*T/O	*C
Darjeeling	Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0	180	0	0	0	180	73	0	180	180	73
Darjeeling	Apparel	0	0	0	0	0	0	173	0	0	0	137	100	0	173	137	100
Darjeeling	Automotive	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	0
Darjeeling	Beauty and Wellness	208	410	364	0	120	44	0	0	0	284	239	126	40	492	769	574
Darjeeling	Capital Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	60	0	16	60	60	16
Darjeeling	Construction	58	0	0	0	58	23	60	0	0	0	60	0	10	118	118	33
Darjeeling	Electronics and Hardware	114	25	0	30	28	2	180	30	9	0	174	111	4	324	257	126
Darjeeling	Green Jobs	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	90	43	0	0	42	0	90	90	85
Darjeeling	Healthcare	119	119	12	0	0	87	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	119	119	105
Darjeeling	IT / IT-ITeS	0	0	0	30	0	0	40	30	0	0	40	0	0	70	70	0
Darjeeling	Plumbing	0	90	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	62
Darjeeling	Power	25	55	21	0	0	0	12	12	18	0	0	0	0	37	67	39
Darjeeling	Retail	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	0
Darjeeling	Telecom	120	60	40	0	120	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	180	145
Darjeeling	Tourism and Hospitality	120	410	653	0	120	94	527	132	0	31	175	189	0	678	837	936
Kalimpong	Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	0	0	0	84	74	0	120	84	74
Kalimpong	Automotive	96	96	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	96	11
Kalimpong	Beauty and Wellness	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0
Kalimpong	Handicrafts and Carpet	0	28	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	21
Kalimpong	IT / IT-ITeS	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	90	34	0	0	0	0	90	90	34
Kalimpong	Retail	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total	All sectors	874	1307	1173	60	446	366	1573	395	110	315	1149	715	70	2822	3297	2434

No training enrollment was done in Darjeeling and Kalimpong during FY 2025-26.

Notes: *E = Enrolled; *T/O = Trained/Oriented; *C = Certified.

No activity is reported for FY 2026-27 up to 30 June 2026 in the attached FY-wise statement.
