

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 99
ANSWERED ON 20/07/2026

ESTABLISHMENT OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) the details of Skill Development Centres established, operational and upgraded across the country during the last five years and the current year, State/UT and year-wise, including Arani Lok Sabha Constituency of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for establishing and strengthening such Centres, along with the number of candidates trained, certified and placed therein, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the effectiveness of such Centres in improving employability, addressing industry skill gaps and promoting self-employment and if so, the findings thereof;
- (d) whether any vacancies of trainers, infrastructure deficiencies or implementation delays have been reported in such centres and if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to expand industry partnerships, modernise training infrastructure, enhance digital and emerging technology courses and ensure equitable access to quality skill training, across the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu and other underserved regions?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): Under 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 the sections of the society across the country, including women in rural areas. SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills.

The schemes of MSDE are demand driven and training centres under these schemes are set up or engaged on need basis. State-wise details of the number of training centres, including those in the Arani Lok Sabha Constituency (Tiruvannamalai and Viluppuram districts) of Tamil Nadu, engaged under the schemes of MSDE are at **Annexure-I**. Year-wise detail of the candidates trained/certified under various schemes of MSDE is at **Annexure-II**.

Amongst the schemes of MSDE, placements were tracked under the Short-Term Training component of PMKVY in the first three versions (PMKVY 1.0, PMKVY 2.0 and PMKVY 3.0) implemented from 2015-16 to 2021-22. Under PMKVY (1.0 to 3.0), 1.72 lakh candidates have been reported placed in Tamil Nadu. In the current version of the Scheme i.e. PMKVY 4.0, the focus is to empower the trained candidates to choose their varied career path and they are suitably oriented for the same through industry relevant skill courses that include On-the-Job Training (OJT).

(c): The 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. These reviews support continuous curriculum updates, industry collaboration and improvements in implementation modalities, ensuring that skilling programmes remain aligned with evolving technology trends and labour-market requirements. The effectiveness of broader skill development schemes is also evaluated through MIS-based monitoring, third-party assessments and beneficiary feedback.

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): Training of Trainers (ToT) under PMKVY is need-based and organized from time to time to enhance trainer capacity, certify new trainers, up-skill existing trainers, or align trainers with revised Qualification Packs (QPs), National Occupational Standards (NOS), and industry requirements. The objective is to ensure the availability of competent and certified trainers for effective delivery of skill training programmes under PMKVY while optimizing resources and addressing sector-specific demand. Since ToT under PMKVY is need-based, requirements for trainers are addressed based on demand and scheme-specific needs.

Infrastructure gaps or implementation delays, if identified during monitoring, inspections or grievance redressal mechanisms, are addressed promptly. Corrective measures include empanelment of qualified trainers, strengthening of training infrastructure, regular monitoring through technology-enabled platforms, periodic inspections, and ensuring compliance with quality standards. These measures are aimed at ensuring effective delivery of quality skill training and minimizing disruptions in training operations.

(e): To expand industry partnerships, modernise training infrastructure, enhance digital and emerging technology courses and ensure equitable access to quality skill training, the following specific steps have been taken by MSDE across the country including Tamil Nadu:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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 technologies.
- DGT has introduced new age /future skills courses under CTS to provide training in emerging areas such as 5G Network Technician, AI Programming assistant, Cyber Security Assistant, Drone Technician 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 as well as to determine skill competency standards.
- Further, Rozgar Melas and Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Melas (PMNAMs) have been organized by the Ministry to facilitate the placements opportunities to the certified candidates across the country.
- MSDE has launched Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), a unified platform that integrates skilling, education, employment, and entrepreneurship ecosystems to provide a life-long array of services. Through Skill India Digital Hub, candidates can have access to skill training, jobs and apprenticeship opportunities. The details of the trained candidates are available on SIDH portal for connecting with potential employers.
- To enhance the overall quality and relevance of vocational training in the country, Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM SETU) scheme inter-alia aims to upgrade 1,000 Government ITIs (200 Hub ITIs and 800 Spoke ITIs) in a Hub and Spoke model, wherein upgradation includes smart classrooms, modern labs, digital content, and new courses aligned to industry needs. Also, it aims to augment capacity of five NSTIs located in Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana, including setting-up sector-specific National Centres of Excellence for skilling, with focus on advanced training of trainers with global partnership.

ANNEXURES REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 99 ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026.

Annexure-I

State-wise Training Centers (as on 30.06.2026):

State/UT	PMKVY 4.0 Centres * (STT+SP)	JSS centers	NAPS Establishments	ITIs	
				Govt.	Pvt.
A&N Islands	11	1	26	3	1
Andhra Pradesh	527	6	1,364	85	435
Arunachal Pradesh	82	6	35	10	0
Assam	864	21	1,049	31	16
Bihar	548	1	856	150	1,186
Chandigarh	15	14	206	3	0
Chhattisgarh	183	1	381	120	101
Delhi	148	3	3,321	18	18
Goa	6	1	556	11	2
Gujarat	276	9	13,755	272	202
Haryana	536	2	6,568	159	199
Himachal Pradesh	183	11	859	127	135
Jammu & Kashmir	554	2	686	56	0
Jharkhand	208	13	539	78	269
Karnataka	436	12	3,189	273	1,034
Kerala	146	9	2,172	149	259
Ladakh	11	2	16	3	0
Lakshadweep	1	1	2	1	0
Madhya Pradesh	1,417	29	1,394	186	661
Maharashtra	577	21	10,802	422	599
Manipur	164	4	39	11	0
Meghalaya	108	1	51	7	1
Mizoram	109	1	28	3	0
Nagaland	96	2	34	9	0
Odisha	242	29	855	73	415
Puducherry	29	-	284	8	6
Punjab	619	2	1,218	126	188
Rajasthan	1,474	9	1,292	185	1,053
Sikkim	38	-	92	4	0
Tamil Nadu	530	9	3,446	92	323
Telangana	173	6	1,630	70	227
DNH & DD	10	2	156	4	0
Tripura	170	2	118	20	2
Uttar Pradesh	2,664	47	8,005	292	2983
Uttarakhand	198	8	935	99	66
West Bengal	280	8	1,713	168	147
Overall	13,633	294	57,935	3,328	10,528

* Indicates number of Training centres upto June 30, 2026

Training Centers in Arani Lok Sabha Constituency (Tiruvannamalai and Viluppuram districts) of Tamil Nadu (as on 30.06.2026):

Districts	PMKVY 4.0 Centres (STT+SP)	JSS centers	NAPS Establishments	ITIs (Govt & Pvt)
Tiruvannamalai & Viluppuram	19	-	84	45

Year-wise detail of the candidates trained/engaged under various schemes of MSDE

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
PMKVY	20,40,206	45,65,475	19,60,776	6,16,040	2,11,170
JSS	1,67,283	4,15,332	3,59,796	4,61,996	7,26,284
NAPS	35,098	2,05,887	3,06,989	5,90,138	7,38,490
CTS	1,455,412	1,359,489	1,219,446	1,225,851	1,251,181

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 (up to 30.06.2026)
PMKVY	5,39,962	20,38,319	1,53,388	85,754
JSS	5,07,337	5,00,490	5,14,341	5,161
NAPS	9,32,322	9,84,659	12,27,903	2,76,976
CTS	1,445,362	1,315,133	1,470,277	*

* Admission for Session 2026-27 is currently on going.
