

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 448**  
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**ENROLMENT RATES IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

448. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:  
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any existing initiatives targeted at understanding and addressing the specific aspirations of rural youth in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans for upskilling and providing employment opportunities to the rural youth who preferred to remain in their villages, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expand existing initiatives like “Skills On Wheel” to rural areas in Andhra Pradesh to provide accessible upskilling opportunities closer to their homes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the enrolment rates in vocational training programmes among rural youth; and
- (f) the steps being taken to improve awareness and accessibility of these programmes in Andhra Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) & (b) To improve employability of youth across the country including rural youth of Andhra Pradesh, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Under Skill India Mission (SIM), delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/schools/colleges/institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). Benefits of these schemes are available to all the sections of the society across the country including rural youth of Andhra Pradesh. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills. The brief of these schemes is as under:

**Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY):** 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 rural areas.

**Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme:** The main target of the JSS is to impart vocational skills to the non-literates, neo-literates and the persons having rudimentary level of

education and school dropouts upto 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 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 a large number of economic sectors with an objective to provide skilled workforce to the industry as well as self employment of youth.

In addition to the above schemes for skill development, MSDE is also implementing programmes for entrepreneurship development through National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE).

(c) & (d) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(e) The details of the number of candidates trained under the schemes of MSDE during 2020-21 to 2022-23 are as under:

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
PMKVY	19,60,776	6,16,040	2,11,170
JSS	3,59,796	4,61,996	7,26,284
NAPS	3,07,404	5,89,996	7,38,675
CTS	12,19,446	12,25,851	12,50,641

(f) MSDE has undertaken various strategies to ensure the widespread reach of programs for skill development across diverse geographies and socio-economic backgrounds through awareness drives, workshops, and community engagement initiative. Amplifying awareness around the skilling initiatives is also undertaken through platforms like All India Radio (AIR), Press Information Bureau (PIB), MyGov, and Doordarshan (DD). By leveraging digital platforms and mobile technology, Ministry has ensured accessibility to skill-related information and resources, benefiting individuals in remote regions.

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