

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3672  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021**

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE LIVING IN BORDER AREAS**

**3672. SHRI KUNAR HEMBRAM:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme in the country particularly in West Bengal for skill development of youths so that talented youths of rural areas could be brought forward in development process of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any policy for the people living in bordering areas under the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing the following skill development schemes for skill development of the youth across the country including West Bengal:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Schemes</b>	<b>Objective</b>
1	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing its flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), with the objective to train candidates across India. PMKVY has two training components, namely, Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). <b>So far, in West Bengal, 562490 candidates have been trained under the Scheme.</b>

2	Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme	The scheme aims to provide vocational skills to non-literate, neo-literates, persons with rudimentary level of education up to 8th and school dropouts up to 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years. The priority groups are women, SC, ST, minorities, divyangjan and other backward sections of the society. The Jan Shikshan Sansthans work at the doorstep of the beneficiaries with minimum infrastructure and resources. Under the scheme grant is released to Jan Shikshan Sansthans (NGOs) for Skill Development. <b>Since 2018-19, 34529 candidates have been trained, till date, under the scheme in West Bengal.</b>
3	National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)	This Scheme is for promoting apprenticeship training and increasing the engagement of apprentices by providing financial support to industrial establishments undertaking apprenticeship program under The Apprentices Act, 1961. <b>In West Bengal, from 2015-16 till date, 24586 candidates have been trained under this scheme.</b>
4	Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS)	This scheme is for providing long-term training in 143 trades through 14,711 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country. <b>From 2016 to 2020, 1,32,407 candidates have been enrolled under the Scheme in West Bengal.</b>

The schemes mentioned above are implemented for youth in both urban and rural areas of the country. No specific scheme is there for rural areas as such but the JSSs are working intensively in rural areas and 50.5% of persons skilled through JSSs are from rural areas, with as much as 79% from women. This scheme is helping rural women to enhance their skills and earn a higher livelihood in a big way.

(c) There is no exclusive specific policy under the schemes mentioned above for the border areas. The schemes are implemented across the country including border areas.

(d) Other Ministries of the Government of India have certain schemes for skilling people, **especially in border areas**. For example, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is implementing a Skill Up-gradation Training Programme for Women in 200 Border/Tribal/Backward Districts (SUTP). Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) is implementing Capacity Building and Technical Assistance (CBTA) scheme with an aim to provide funding for skill development, enhancing of employability and competencies and promotion of self-employment and entrepreneurship amongst youth. Department of Border Management in the Ministry of Home Affairs has been implementing BADP to meet the needs of the people living in remote and inaccessible areas situated near the international land borders. Guidelines of the BADP provides for inclusion of scheme of capacity building programme by way of vocational studies and training for youth for self-employment and skill upgradation of Artisans, Weavers etc.

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