

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *9
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026

PMKVY AND SIDH IN TRIBAL DISTRICTS

*9. ADV GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) in tribal and aspirational districts, particularly in Maharashtra including Nandurbar district;
- (b) whether limited vocational training institutes, poor digital infrastructure, weak industry-linked programmes and low placement rates continue to affect skill development outcomes in remote tribal regions and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the said schemes during the last three years and the current year in the said State and districts;
- (d) whether delays in implementation, accessibility barriers and low participation of women and tribal youth have been reported under the said schemes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve placement-linked skill development and digital training access in tribal districts like Nandurbar?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *9 ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026 ASKED BY ADV GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI REGARDING PMKVY AND SIDH IN TRIBAL DISTRICTS

(a) & (b) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has been implementing its flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), since 2015, for imparting skill development training through Short-Term Training (STT) and up-skilling and re-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), to all sections of the society across the country, including in tribal and aspirational districts. The Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) serves as an integrated digital platform providing access to skill courses, career guidance, apprenticeship opportunities and other skilling-related services. These initiatives are implemented across all States/UTs, including Maharashtra and its tribal districts such as Nandurbar.

PMKVY 4.0 is a demand driven Scheme and skill training centres are accredited and affiliated based on the requirements received from State/ industry/ industry associations/ training providers.

MSDE conducts periodic independent evaluations of PMKVY to ensure quality and accountability. An evaluation by NITI Aayog (October 2020) indicated that approximately 94 percent of surveyed employers expressed willingness to hire more candidates trained under PMKVY. The study also noted that 52 percent of candidates placed in employment or oriented under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) component reported receiving higher salaries or expecting improved earnings compared to uncertified peers. An independent evaluation of PMKVY 2.0 conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) found that about 70.5 percent of surveyed candidates were placed in their desired skill sector.

More recently, 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, across the country including the State of Maharashtra. The Study also covered aspirational and tribal districts. As per the report, PMKVY training has contributed to a measurable shift in employment outcomes for 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. Income-related outcomes also show positive movement, with 41.4% of STT candidates and 48.9% of RPL candidates reporting 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.

(c) There is no provision of state-wise or district-wise funds allocation under the scheme guidelines of PMKVY 4.0. Details of fund utilised under PMKVY 4.0 scheme during the last three financial years and the current year (till 30th June, 2026) in the State of Maharashtra and Nandurbar district is as under :

Financial Year	Maharashtra (in crore)	Nandurbar (in crore)
2023-24	32.09	0.11
2024-25	44.44	0.41
2025-26	6.05	-
2026-27 (30.06.2026)	1.01	-

(d) PMKVY 4.0 is a demand-driven scheme designed to benefit all sections of society. The scheme has witnessed significant participation from women, who account for over 54% of the total beneficiaries. Additionally, candidates belonging to the Scheduled Tribes (ST) constitute 6.1% of the beneficiaries under the scheme. The scheme includes a dedicated provision for Special Projects aimed at enhancing the participation of under-represented social groups, including SC, ST, women, and persons with disabilities (PwDs). Special emphasis is placed on empowering women and marginalized communities by facilitating their access to skill development programs.

To promote inclusivity and ensure that these groups can participate in training and subsequently access gainful wage or self-employment opportunities, the Scheme provides Boarding and Lodging (B&L) and transport facilities for women, PwDs, and trainees from Special Areas, as defined under the Common Norms, for both within and outside Special Areas. Additionally, conveyance support is permissible for women and PwDs undergoing non-residential training, in accordance with the Common Norms.

(e) The Government is committed to improve employability linkages under PMKVY by fostering demand-driven skilling and close collaboration with the industries, business associations, and private sector employers. These measures include demand mapping through skill gap studies, District Skill Development Plans (DSDPs), and active collaboration with Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) to design industry-relevant training. Key efforts include organizing industry consultations to gain deeper insights into sector-specific demands and challenges, identifying high-demand and emerging/New Age skill areas, and involving industries as Awarding Bodies. Various industries/industry bodies like Confederation of Indian Textile Industry, Tamil Nadu Spinning Mills Association, CMR Green Technologies limited, etc. have been engaged for employer-led training projects under the Special Projects component of PMKVY 4.0.

MSDE has launched Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) a unified platform that integrates skilling, education, employment, and entrepreneurship ecosystems to provide a lifelong array of services to key stakeholders. Details of the trained candidates are available on SIDH portal for connecting with potential employers. Through SIDH, candidates can have access to jobs and apprenticeship opportunities. Further, Kaushal Mahotsav and Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Melas (PMNAMs) have been organized to facilitate the placements opportunities to the certified candidates.

Under the Dharti Aaba – Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA) of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing initiatives to strengthen skill development and entrepreneurship among Scheduled Tribe communities. National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), an autonomous organization under MSDE, is implementing the DA-JGUA Project in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and State Implementing Agencies to strengthen Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) through Entrepreneurship Awareness Programmes (EAPs), Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs), and Value-Added Training (VAT). The project enhances entrepreneurship and value addition in Minor Forest Produce (MFP). In Maharashtra, it is being implemented in the districts of Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Nashik, and Yavatmal. Under the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme, MSDE is establishing 30 Tribal Skill Centres (TSCs) across 30 tribal districts in 15 States and Union Territories, with an approved outlay of approximately ₹81 crore for 2024–25 to 2028–29. The initiative aims to skill around 1.08 lakh tribal beneficiaries, of which 26,498 beneficiaries have been trained during FY 2025–26.

As a special project under PMKVY 4.0, since March 2024, NIESBUD and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) implemented the skilling and entrepreneurship component of PM JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan), a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the socio-economic upliftment of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Under the scheme, NIESBUD & IIE facilitated skill and entrepreneurship development through Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) in collaboration with the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) across 14 States. A total 489 VDVKs have been operationalized and 38,386 members have been trained under Entrepreneurship Development Programme out of which 3624 members have been trained in the state of Maharashtra. In Maharashtra, the project has been implemented in the districts of Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Nashik, Palghar, Raigad, Thane, and Yavatmal.

In addition, the MSDE has implemented the project “Establishment of Skill Labs and Training of Trainers in 400 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) and 200 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) for Delivery of Skilling Courses”, funded through National Skill Development Fund

(NSDF). The EMRSs established by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, provide quality residential education to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students, particularly those residing in remote and tribal areas. The project aimed to strengthen the reach of vocational education in schools through the establishment of 1,200 vocational skill labs aligned with the CBSE curriculum across selected JNVs and EMRSs, with two skill labs in each school. To ensure the effective delivery of vocational education, the project also included a capacity-building component for 1,200 skill teachers, with two teachers trained per school.

Under PMKVY 4.0, 235 candidates have been trained through six (6) EMRSs promoting the cross-utilization of existing permanent infrastructure in educational institutions for skill development activities.
