

Request to set up a Technical Teachers Training Institute in Odisha

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BERHAMPUR): Thank you, Sir. This is regarding my State Odisha. There are 34 Government and 124 private polytechnics including 22 new polytechnics. There is one among them in my Parliamentary constituency Behrampur under the Sub-Mission on Polytechnics under the Coordinated Action for Skill Development covering all 30 districts with, at least, one Government polytechnic in Odisha.

I thank the Union Government for providing Central Financial Assistance for the implementation of the schemes relating to upgradation of 11 existing polytechnics and construction of women's hostel for 13 polytechnics. However, there has been a critical issue before the State and that is the shortage of trained faculty required for these polytechnics in Odisha. There is a Government Polytechnic in Bhubaneswar which has an extension centre, that is, the National Institute for Technical Teachers' Training and Research, Kolkata under the Ministry of HRD providing only short-term training without any practical skill training facility. Odisha State does not have any Board of Practical Training due to which technicians and graduate apprenticeship programmes are hampered.

Sir, through you, I request the hon. Minister for Education to consider setting up of a Technical Teachers Training Institute on the pattern of the National Institute for Technical Teachers Training and Research with practical training facilities to enable the State of Odisha to create a pool of trained teachers for the polytechnics to maintain quality of teaching in Government and private polytechnics at Behrampur, Odisha.

Thank you, Sir.