

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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IMPLEMENTATION OF PMKVY IN WEST BENGAL

3600. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the details of the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in West Bengal, particularly Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts, since 2019;
- (b) the number of training centres set up and the number of youth enrolled, trained, and certified under PMKVY in these two districts during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) the number of trained individuals benefited from placement or self-employment opportunities under the scheme in the said districts;
- (d) whether the Government has identified any skill gaps or challenges in implementing PMKVY in hilly and rural areas in the said districts; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address these issues and expand skill development opportunities in the region?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

a) & b): Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing its flagship Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) since 2015. Under PMKVY, skill training is imparted through Short Term Training (STT) and Re-skilling and Up-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country.

Under PMKVY 4.0, 09 training centres have been set up in Darjeeling and 02 Training centres have been set up in Kalimpong. The financial year-wise details of number of youth enrolled, trained and certified under PMKVY in these two districts since FY 2019-20 till FY 2025-26 as on 30.06.2025 is as under:

TC District	FY-19-20	FY-20-21	FY-21-22	FY-22-23	FY-23-24	FY-24-25	FY-25-26	Total
1. Darjeeling								
Enrolled	15,880	340	777	60	1,333	315	-	18,705
Trained/Oriented	13,170	2,189	1,182	446	305	1,065	-	18,357
Certified	3,478	10,555	1,152	355	76	641	70	16,327
2. Kalimpong								
Enrolled	293	-	97	-	240	-	-	630
Trained/Oriented	204	25	125	-	90	84	-	528
Certified	148	14	21	11	34	74	-	302

c) Under the PMKVY scheme, placements were tracked in the Short-Term Training (STT) component in the first three versions of the PMKVY Scheme which is PMKVY 1.0, PMKVY 2.0 and PMKVY 3.0 implemented from FY 2015-16 to FY 2021-22. Under PMKVY 4.0, the focus is to empower our trained candidates to choose their varied career path and they are suitably oriented for the same. Further various IT tools like skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) also gives this opportunity.

During the first three versions of PMKVY, 3,321 candidates were reported placed/self-employed in Darjeeling while in Kalimpong, 92 candidates were reported placed/self-employed.

d) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) regularly assesses skilling requirements from domestic, international, and hyperlocal markets through skill gap studies, industry consultations, and District Skill Development Plans (DSDPs). The initiative also emphasizes continuous upskilling and reskilling to ensure the workforce remains adaptable and industry-ready. The DSDPs identify sectors with employment opportunities as well as the associated demand for skilling across the country including hilly and rural areas, and map the available facilities for Skill Training. Skill Development Programmes of the Government are designed and implemented to bridge identified skill gaps across sectors.

e) The government has been taking several steps to ensure the implementation and expansion of PMKVY 4.0 across the country hilly and rural areas. These efforts aim to address skill gaps, improve employability, and support economic growth. A few of them are as under:

- i. Focus on New Age Skills like Industry 4.0, Web 3.0, AR/VR, Climate Change, Circular Economy, Green Economy, and Energy Transition.
- ii. Emphasis on Re-skilling, and Up-skilling under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through innovations in assessment, better monitoring.
- iii. Greater reliance on On-Job-Training (OJT) for better practical exposure to candidates.
- iv. Flexibility in course curriculums by introducing courses in partnership with industry.
- v. Cross utilisation of available infrastructure with the educational institutions viz. ITIs/Schools/Colleges/Universities/Central and State Government Institutions etc.
- vi. Training aligned to National Priorities and Policy Announcements focusing on clusters in sectors like semiconductor, 5G, AI, Green Hydrogen, EV, Solar Mission, Care, Tourism.

The Ministry has also launched Skill India Digital (SID) platform, a comprehensive and accessible platform for skill enhancement, offering industry-relevant skill courses, job opportunities, and entrepreneurship support to youth of the country in various sectors including domestic workers sector covering unorganized sector.
