

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1207
ANSWERED ON - 08/12/2025

NAPS IMPLEMENTATION IN DHARMAPURI

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

(a) whether the Government is implementing the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) across the country, including Tamil Nadu along with the key objectives and components of the scheme, particularly with reference to its implementation in Dharmapuri district;

(b) the details of the number of apprentices enrolled, trained and certified under NAPS in Tamil Nadu, with specific figures for the said district during the last five years and the current year, sector and district-wise;

(c) the number of industries, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), educational institutions and establishments in Dharmapuri registered under NAPS, along with the details of stipends reimbursed to employers in the district during the last five years and the current year; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to strengthen industry–academia collaboration, improve awareness among local employers and enhance on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities in Dharmapuri regions in rural, tribal and backward regions.

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) The Government of India launched 'National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme' (NAPS) in August, 2016 with the objective to promote apprenticeship training and to increase the engagement of apprentices. Since 2022-23, the scheme continues as NAPS-2, implemented throughout the country, including Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu. NAPS-2 aims to promote apprenticeship training in the country, by providing partial stipend support to the apprentices engaged under the Apprentice Act, 1961, undertaking capacity building of the apprenticeship ecosystem, and providing advocacy assistance to the stakeholders. Accordingly, the scheme facilitates a partial stipend support limited to 25% of stipend paid, up to a maximum of Rs.1,500 per month, per apprentice during the training period. The stipend support by GoI will be paid through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the bank account of apprentice. The key objectives of the scheme is to develop skilled workforce for the economy by promotion of on-the-job experiential training and to encourage establishments to enroll apprentices by sharing partial stipend support to the apprentices and to encourage enrolment of apprentices in small establishments especially Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and those located in the underserved areas such as aspirational districts and North-East Region.

(b) The details of number of apprentices engaged, trained and certified under NAPS in Tamil Nadu, sector wise, is at Annexure-I and district-wise is at Annexure-II. Further, the sector wise apprentices details for the district of Dharmapuri is at Annexure-III.

(c) In the district of Dharmapuri, there are 38 establishments registered on the apprenticeship portal (<https://www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in/>). Amongst these, 18 are MSMEs.

(d) There are several measures taken by the Government under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) / related skill development policies that are meant to strengthen industry academia collaboration, raise awareness among employers, and expand on-the-job training / apprenticeship opportunities as follows: -

- (i) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 lays emphasis on making education more holistic and effective by integrating academic and vocational education while ensuring the vertical and horizontal mobility of students/learners between academic and vocational streams. Accordingly, Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP) of UGC and as well as AICTE enables students admitted to a degree/ diploma programme to pursue apprenticeship as an integral component of the study. The major objectives of AEDP are to enhance the employability of students, focus on outcome based learning, promote active linkage between higher educational institutions and industries and bridge the skill gap in the industries.
- (ii) The Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) is designed to strengthen apprenticeship engagement by bringing industries and aspiring youth of the district of Dharmapuri onto a common platform. It is held on every 2nd Monday in 1/3rd of total number of districts in the state so that all districts are covered once in a quarter, and four times in a year. PMNAM has been reported three times in the district of Dharmapuri in the current calendar year. Further, the District Skill Committee (DSC) is conducting meetings at regular interval for increasing apprenticeship engagement.

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Sector-wise apprentices engaged, in **Tamil Nadu (All districts)** under NAPS during last five years and the current year (Upto October 2025) is as under:

S. No.	Sector Name	Apprentices Engaged	Apprentices Trained	Apprentices Certified
1.	Aerospace & Aviation	298	113	45
2.	Agriculture	638	146	27
3.	Agriculture and Allied Services	125	106	60
4.	Apparel	202	169	133
5.	Apparel Made-ups & Home Furnishing	7,642	4,931	19
6.	Automobile	7,563	5,088	4,151
7.	Automotive	1,78,392	43,204	6,454
8.	Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI)	8,869	5,031	225
9.	Beauty & Wellness	1,466	1,059	0
10.	Capital Goods	10,393	5,219	330
11.	Chemical	442	348	144
12.	Construction	3,919	5,182	357
13.	Domestic Workers	1,549	1,402	1
14.	Electrical (Including New and Renewable Energy)	8,994	6,347	5,515
15.	Electronics	46,797	17,316	673
16.	Fabrication	4,656	3,111	2,235
17.	Food Processing	9,772	4,235	152
18.	Food Processing and Preservation	72	54	11
19.	Furniture & Fittings	2,535	3,497*	2,749
20.	Gem & Jewellery	6,828	3,210	44
21.	Green Jobs	216	86	19
22.	Handicrafts & Carpet	50	48	0
23.	Healthcare	875	374	46
24.	Healthcare and Wellness	73	58	45
25.	Hydrocarbon	233	108	6
26.	Industrial Automation and Instrumentation	717	359	215
27.	Iron & Steel	1,838	554	37
28.	IT-ITeS	23,783	11,666	1,758
29.	Leather	2,994	2,822	0
30.	Life Sciences	4,467	2,381	57
31.	Logistics	8,331	3,301	407
32.	Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills	6,771	3,625	104
33.	Media & Entertainment	207	157	0
34.	Mining	216	6	0
35.	Paints & Coatings	306	265	35
36.	Persons with Disability	1	1	0
37.	Plumbing	93	16	6
38.	Power	4,509	5,536*	4,901
39.	Production and Manufacturing	13,316	9,789	7,264
40.	Retail	25,616	17,420	2,402
41.	Retails and Logistics	183	61	0
42.	Rubber	13,135	3,824	225
43.	Services including Repair and Maintenance	418	287	223

44.	Telecom	8,293	2,536	33
45.	Textile	3,257	1,850	26
46.	Tourism & Hospitality	13,994	5,087	127

*The period last five years is from 2020-21 to 2024-25. Apprentices of the years 2019-20 and before had completed the training during the data period sought.

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The district wise apprentices engaged, trained and certified in the State of **Tamil Nadu (Including Dharmapuri district)** under NAPS during last five years and the current year (Upto October 2025) is as under:

S No	State/District	Apprentices engaged	Apprentices Trained	Apprentices Certified
1.	Dharmapuri	895	373	321
2.	Ariyalur	568	488	244
3.	Chengalpattu	24,534	7,577	332
4.	Chennai	1,05,145	51,611	7,191
5.	Coimbatore	44,078	18,258	2,505
6.	Cuddalore	7,202	5,739	3,360
7.	Dindigul	2,918	1,192	417
8.	Erode	5,971	2,740	1,194
9.	Kallakurichi	142	86	84
10.	Kancheepuram	1,24,473	34,105	2,729
11.	Kanniyakumari	1,300	797	537
12.	Karur	1,344	905	622
13.	Krishnagiri	31,320	13,760	4,465
14.	Madurai	7,011	3,934	1,053
15.	Mayiladuthurai	201	159	68
16.	Nagapattinam	532	423	288
17.	Namakkal	532	438	244
18.	Perambalur	2,506	508	235
19.	Pudukkottai	4,373	2,065	691
20.	Ramanathapuram	412	249	150
21.	Ranipet	4,852	1,963	973
22.	Salem	2,982	1,980	1,330
23.	Sivaganga	896	865	550
24.	Tenkasi	175	40	8
25.	Thanjavur	1,681	1,240	793
26.	The Nilgiris	590	430	264
27.	Theni	414	281	170
28.	Thiruvallur	25,862	9,349	1,874
29.	Thiruvarur	208	160	98
30.	Thoothukkudi	1,165	993	769
31.	Tiruchirappalli	11,597	6,037	4,624
32.	Tirunelveli	3,484	1,934	799
33.	Tirupathur	1,247	1,181	64
34.	Tiruppur	5,137	3,731	303
35.	Tiruvannamalai	2,465	1,223	279
36.	Vellore	3,707	3,589	697
37.	Viluppuram	1,757	1,008	599
38.	Virudhunagar	1,368	574	337

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Sector-wise apprentices engaged, trained and certified in **Dharmapuri district Tamil Nadu** under NAPS during last five years and the current year (Upto October 2025) is as under:

S. No.	Sector Name	Apprentices Engaged	Apprentices Trained	Apprentices Certified
1.	Agriculture	1	-	-
2.	Apparel Made-ups & Home Furnishing	1	1	-
3.	Automobile	94	59	75*
4.	Automotive	7	4	5
5.	Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI)	41	21	-
6.	Capital Goods	30	3	-
7.	Construction	2	1	1
8.	Electrical (Including New and Renewable Energy)	194	109	165
9.	Fabrication	18	10	13
10.	Food Processing	6	5	-
11.	Healthcare	2	2	-
12.	Industrial Automation and Instrumentation	1	1	1
13.	Iron & Steel	1	-	-
14.	IT-ITeS	372	107	20
15.	Logistics	8	2	-
16.	Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills	1	1	-
17.	Power	16	11	11
18.	Production and Manufacturing	30	12	17
19.	Retail	64	24	13
20.	Telecom	1	-	-
21.	Tourism & Hospitality	5	-	-

*The Apprenticeship training duration ranges over a period of 1year, 2 year and 3 years. Hence for any given year the number of apprentices certified stands cumulative which includes apprentices trained during the previous years also.
