

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 2422
ANSWERED ON 15/12/2025

**“AI-LINKED TRAINING OUTCOMES UNDER REVISED APPRENTICESHIP STIPENDS
NORMS”**

2422. SMT. SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any national assessment of the financial and operational impact on the establishments following the proposed 36 per cent increase in apprentice stipends as recommended by the Central Apprenticeship Council and if so, the details of data Sector-wise;
- (b) whether Odisha has submitted details regarding expected changes in apprentice engagement across manufacturing, Information Technology (IT), biotechnology and renewable energy sectors after implementation of the revised stipend norms;
- (c) whether Bolangir district has reported enrolments and completion outcomes in Artificial Intelligence linked training under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0, National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)-2 and the Artificial Intelligence Programming Assistant trade introduced in National Skill Training Institute (NSTIs); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the Government mechanism for monitoring long-term employment or apprenticeship continuation of trainees in emerging technology roles?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b) Fixed minimum stipend rates based on the educational qualification, uniform across the sectors and trades, was approved by the Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC) and notified w.e.f. 25.09.2019. Basis requests from establishments, State Governments and Sector Skill Councils and feedback received during consultations with the stake holders at various of point of time, considering the significant rise in the cost of living, a Consumer Price Index based revision to the prescribed minimum stipend was placed before the CAC in its 38th meeting held on 26.05.2025 which approved the proposal. There is no additional financial burden under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)-2. The revised stipend rates were implemented *vide* Gazette notification dated 11.09.2025 and was widely publicised. The Ministry has since issued clarifications, conducted awareness webinars, and undertaken portal and technical updates for the benefit of stakeholders. The Gazette notification was issued on 11-09-2025 and further assessment on the same is being addressed through formation of sub-committees in three key areas to strengthen implementation oversight with the States including Odisha and across the sectors.

(c) In Bolangir district, under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0 and National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)-2, 161 persons have been enrolled in Artificial Intelligence linked training namely AI-Data Quality Analyst of which 152 have been reported as completed. Further, since 2024-25, the Directorate General of Training (DGT) has also introduced a Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) course on 'Artificial Intelligence

Programming Assistant (AIPA)' in 22 National Skill Training Institute (NSTIs) throughout the country. The details are given in the table below.

Table

Sr.No.	Scheme/Courses	Name of course/training programme/trade	Enrolment	Completion
1	PMKVY 4.0	AI-Data Quality Analyst	160	152
2	NAPS	AI- Data Quality Analyst	1	-
3	Through NSTIs	AIPA	960*	326

**Enrolment during 2024-25 is 462, out of which 326 trainees have completed the training. For the current session of 2025-26, 498 trainees have been enrolled.*

d) One of the decisions of the 38th meeting of the CAC held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister I/C of the Ministry was the formation of sub-committees in key areas to facilitate frequent engagement within the apprenticeship ecosystem. Accordingly, the CAC has approved the constitution of three sub-committees. Among them, the sub-committee on Technology Futures & Trade has been assigned matters on developments relating to technological advancement, emerging job roles, sectoral changes and evolving skill requirements, particularly in areas such as AI, emerging technologies and industry transformation.
