

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1510  
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026

**Setting up of Centre of Excellence for Skills in Shahdol**

†1510. Smt. Himadri Singh:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up any new central institute or 'Centre of Excellence for Skills' to facilitate access to higher education in tribal dominated areas, like Shahdol Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the number of students from Shahdol area who have benefitted through the Government scholarship schemes, like Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) during the last three years along with the socio-economic impact thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) & (b): Five National Centres of Excellence (COEs) for Skilling were announced in the Union Budget 2025–26 to equip youth with skills required for the “Make for India, Make for the World” manufacturing initiative under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). As per the Budget announcement, these COEs are envisaged with global expertise and partnerships for curriculum design, training of trainers, development of a skills certification framework and periodic reviews. The proposed National COEs for Skilling are intended to cater to the training needs of various sections of society, including youth from rural, tribal and economically disadvantaged areas across the country. The guidelines for setting up new COEs are under revision.

The number of students benefitted under the Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) from the Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh during the last three years is attached as per Annexure.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1510 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SMT. HIMADRI SINGH REGARDING SETTING UP OF CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR SKILLS IN SHAHDOL.

<b>PM-USP CSSS District-Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh</b>		
	<b>No. of Scholarships</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	<b>Fresh + Renewal</b>	
<b>FY</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
2022-23	39	532000
2023-24	31	428000
2024-25	31	396000

<b>Scholarship disbursed under PM-USP CSSS for the State of Madhya Pradesh</b>		
	<b>No. of Scholarships</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	<b>Fresh + Renewal</b>	
<b>FY</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
2022-23	16463	216650000
2023-24	14498	189696000
2024-25	15228	197872000