

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR TRIBALS

635 SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI:

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

- (a) whether any skilling initiatives are being contemplated or implemented specifically for tribals, in particular the tribals of Odisha who constitute 22.13 percent of the State's population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI R.K. SINGH)**

(a) to (c): The Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy for the overall development of tribal people living across the country including Odisha, which includes supports for skill training. The *Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana* 2016-20 (PMKVY 2016-20) and *Jan Shikshan Sansthan* (JSS) Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship provides short term training to the youths including tribal youths through affiliated Training Partners/ Training Centres (TCs). Under PMKVY, 13,209 TCs including 350 TCs in Odisha and 723 *Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras* (PMKKs) including 28 PMKKs in Odisha have been empanelled for imparting training. 26,000 Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates have been trained, of which 17,914 candidates have been certified and more than 4,000 candidates reported placed till 17th January, 2021. Under JSS, since 2018-19, a total number of 12,129 ST persons have been trained in Odisha till 31st January, 2021.

So far as long-term skilling is concerned, 23 percent of seats in the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are reserved for ST candidates in Odisha by the State Government. Besides, 23 percent of seats are also reserved for apprenticeship training for ITI pass-out ST candidates in the State. All ST candidates whose parental income is less than Rs. 2.50 lakhs per annum are exempt from payment of admission fee. ST candidates are also reimbursed Rs. 3000/- towards ITI Uniforms. So far as admission of tribal students in Odisha is concerned, 3,571 tribal students have taken admission in 49 Government ITIs out of 17,545 total admissions in 2020-21, which is 20.35 percent of the total admission. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the nodal Ministry in the Government of India, for overall policy, planning and coordination of programmes for development of STs, provides funding support to States for vocational trainings to tribals under the Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS). Odisha has been given Rs. 136 crores under this scheme from 2016-17 to 2019-20.
