

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1081**  
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**INDIAN INSTITUTES OF SKILLS (IISs)**

1081. SHRI S NIRANJAN REDDY:

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

- (a) the number of Indian Institutes of Skills (IISs) presently running in the country and the plans to set up new IISs details thereof;
- (b) the specific sectors for National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) compliant 2-year diploma courses and how these courses enhance vertical mobility of trainees;
- (c) the outcome of Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee (IMEC) in the selection and setup of IISs and the criteria for selecting private partners;
- (d) the measures to ensure IISs provide high-quality skill training and applied research education for local and regional industry needs; and
- (e) the expected impact of IISs on enhancing global competitiveness and creating sectoral experts?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) The Government of India approved setting up of Indian Institute of Skills (IISs) at three locations in the country namely Mumbai, Kanpur and Ahmedabad. The vision behind setting up IIS is to build world-class skill training centres by learning from and imbibing best practices from internationally renowned existing skill institutions. As of now, there is no proposal for setting up of new IISs. These state-of-art skill centres are uniquely conceptualized to bring in best in class infrastructure and facilities to meet the aspirations of students, who enter the skill learning domain after class X/XII (like ITI / diploma courses) instead of the traditionally preferred pathway of higher education.

(b) To address the evolving requirements of skilling ecosystem and to formalize higher-order qualifications, the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), a regulatory body under aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, notified “Guidelines for Diploma Qualifications in Vocational Education Training and Skilling” in May 2023 with an aim to open up clearer progression paths for learners within the Vocational Education and Training (VET) ecosystem, facilitating a smoother transition between different levels and types of programs and to create a more integrated educational framework that aligns vocational and general education, fulfilling the vision of National Education Policy, 2020. The Guidelines for Diploma Qualifications in Vocational Education, Training & Skilling developed by NCVET have been notified on 15.5.2023. The Skill Diploma have been structured into two types i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> pass plus 3 year-Diploma and 12<sup>th</sup> pass

plus 2-year Advance Diploma. As on date, a total of 7 Diploma Qualifications have been NSQF aligned and approved.

(c): Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee (IMEC) was constituted to decide on various matters relating to setting up of IIS, which includes criteria for selection of private partners and their selection. The Tata Education and Development Trust has been selected as private partner in respect of IIS-Mumbai and IIS-Ahmedabad through bidding process (RFP). It has set up a non-profit company i.e. Tata Indian Institute of Skills (TIIS) for the operation and management of IIS-Mumbai and IIS-Ahmedabad. As no bid was received for IIS-Kanpur, a tripartite MoU has been signed between Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Directorate General of Training (DGT) and Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur for its operationalization.

(d) and (e): Private industry partners and academic institution of repute have been associated in setting up and running of IISs to ensure that the fields of training, curriculum, infrastructure and labs for training are all aligned to the local requirements, emerging needs of the industry, and technological advancements.

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