

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

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. *315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

ITI EXAMINATIONS

***315. MS. ANNPURNA DEVI:
SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:**

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

- (a) whether the number of students of rural areas is increasing in the Industrial Training Institute (ITI) examinations and the rural talent is rapidly coming to the forefront;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the various steps taken by the Government to increase interest in ITI in the rural areas and bring the hidden talents in the rural areas to the fore; and
- (d) the outcome of the said steps taken?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *315 RAISED BY HON'BLE M.P. MS. ANNPURNA DEVI & SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE REGARDING 'ITI EXAMINATIONS' FOR REPLY ON 15.07.2019

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. The number of students enrolled from rural areas in ITIs situated in rural areas is increasing steadily. The number of trainees enrolled in ITIs located in rural areas from 2014 to 2018 is mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Year	Trainees admitted in ITIs in rural areas
1.	2014	683611
2.	2015	761663
3.	2016	838998
4.	2017	843379
5.	2018	1000799

The Government has introduced new trades which are relevant to livelihood of rural areas including IoT –Smart Agriculture, Smartphone Technician, Drone pilot, Soil testing and Crop Technician. Youth in rural area are motivated to join ITIs by counseling and advocacy.

The Government has further taken the following steps to increase the interest in ITIs in rural areas to bring the hidden talent to fore.

1. Conversion of trades/units running in ITIs under State Council for Vocational Training (SCVT) to National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) for making ITIs more aspirational for rural youth.
2. To promote and encourage setting up of ITIs in un-served block, norms have been relaxed with no restriction on land requirement. New ITIs in un-served block can open with at least one long term trade and one short term course including rural areas.
3. Ease of Business: Deemed permission will be granted by Government to trusted partners like. Maruti, Tata's etc to open new ITIs, and existing ITIs with grading above 2.5 for extension of trades/units including in rural areas.

As an outcome of the above initiatives the seating capacity and enrollment have increased in ITIs across the country including in rural areas.
