

Chapter 23

INITIATIVES RELATING TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME “ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTES (ITIS) IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES AND SIKKIM AND THE STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR”

23.1 DGE&T is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) “Establishment of new Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the North-Eastern states and Sikkim” with the main objective to meet both qualitative and quantitative skilled and semi-skilled manpower requirement for industry, service sector, self employment etc. by way of creating and developing infrastructure for training of youth in identified skill areas. The scheme envisages establishment of 22 New ITIs and strengthening / modernization of 35 existing ITIs in North-Eastern Region. On completion of implementation, the seating capacity in ITIs would increase from the existing 7244 to 16144. The scheme also provides Technical Assistance for training of faculty/ sponsored candidates from NE Region.

23.2 The total outlay of the CSS is Rs.100 crore. The scheme has now been merged with another CSS project on Jammu & Kashmir and the closing date for implementation has been extended till 31.03.2007.

23.3 As regards progress under the project, an amount of Rs 58.73 crore has been released to the NE States and Sikkim out of the total sanctioned amount of Rs.82.36 crore for Civil Works, Equipment procurement, Recurring expenses and Technical Assistance components of the CSS. In terms of

physical progress, courses have already commenced in the newly created infrastructure in 10 new ITIs and 21 existing ITIs covered under the CSS.

23.4 Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) was introduced in Jammu & Kashmir State in the year 1958 with the establishment of two ITIs in the two main cities of Srinagar and Jammu. At present, there are 37 ITIs in the State. Thus, development of CTS in the State has not kept pace with rest of the country. The difficult situation faced by the State during the preceding years has caused considerable damage to the system. There are a total of 37 Government ITIs in the State, with the following region-wise distribution:

Kashmir Division	17
Jammu Division	18
Ladakh Region	02

23.5 A total of 263 trade units are functioning in these ITIs, imparting training at 21 NCVT designated trades; 18 Engineering Trades and the rest Non-Engineering. Total seating capacity in all the ITIs is 4364 will increase to 6200 seats after implementation of the scheme. The total outlay for the scheme is Rs.37.00 crore during the 10th Plan Period.

23.6 The merged Scheme will be 100% centrally funded Plan Scheme, to be finalized from the Plan funds, provided during the 10th Period (up to 31.0.2007). The 100% recurring costs under the Scheme would be borne by the Central Government during the 10th Plan, and would be passed on to the concerned State Governments during the 11th Plan.

23.7 During the Financial Year 2005-06, a budgetary provision of Rs.5.00 crore has been made available for strengthening and modernization of ITI s in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Out of the above provision, an amount of Rs. 3.62 crore has been released as first installment for construction of six new ITI s and addition/alteration in the six existing ITIs in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Other amount of Rs. 1.37 crore has been released as first installment for the procurement of machinery / equipment for new and existing ITIs and also procurement of vehicle / office equipment for the State Directorate in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME FOR UPGRADATION OF ITIs INTO CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

23.8 Union Finance Minister in his Budget Speech 2004-05 had announced measures for upgradation of 500 ITIs in the country. Subsequently, as per the advice of M/o Finance, action has been initiated for upgradation of 100 ITIs from domestic resources and 400 ITIs through World Bank assistance.

23.9 The said 100 ITIs to be funded from domestic resources have been distributed in 26 States/UTs (other than Jammu and Sikkim North-Eastern States) in proportion to the number of Government ITIs in these States. The total cost of the scheme is Rs 160 crore, Central share being Rs 120 crores, in view of ratio of 75:25 as advised by the Ministry of Finance

23.10 The objective of the scheme is to upgrade the existing 100 ITIs into “Centers of Excellence (CoE)” for

producing multi skilled workforce of world standard. The highlights of the scheme are introduction of multiskilling courses during the first year, followed by advanced/specialized modular courses in the second year by adopting industry wise cluster approach, multi entry and multi exit provisions, and Public-Private-Partnership in the form of Institute Managing Committee (IMC) to ensure greater & active involvement of industry in all aspects of training.

23.11 Curricula on 13 Broad Based Training courses advanced modules have already been finalized. The implementation of the scheme is being continuously followed up by holding five regional review meetings and ten zonal review meetings under the Chairmanship of Secretary (L&E), Govt. of India with State Secretaries/ Directors, Representatives of Industry Associations, Principals of ITIs and IMCs Chairmen. As a result, training courses in 80 ITIs, as against a target of 100 ITIs have already commenced from the August 2005 session. Training courses in remaining 20 ITIs would commence from February / August 2006.

UPGRADATION OF 400 ITIs WITH WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE

23.12 The project proposal for 400 ITIs including the proposal for Strengthening / Development of Apex Hi-tech Institute, Bangalore at a total estimated cost of s 782.40 crore have been forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Finance for negotiation with World Bank for financial assistance. DEA has informed that World Bank is currently undertaking a study on Vocational Education & Training and same is expected to be completed shortly.