

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Youth Affairs**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1501
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2023**

Yuva Leadership Portal

1501. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the status of development of Yuva Leadership Portal under department youth affairs;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to bridge the digital inaccessibility and digital illiteracy along with lack of digital infrastructure in rural and urban slums to implement Yuva leadership portal initiative; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the youth leadership from the disadvantaged social and economic backgrounds under the scheme?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a)& (c) Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), an autonomous body has been established as an overarching enabling mechanism, powered by technology, for youth development and youth led development through 'Kartavya Bodh' and 'Seva Bhaav', during the Amrit Kaal. MY Bharat is envisioned as a pivotal, technology-driven facilitator for youth development and youth-led development, with the overarching goal of providing equitable opportunities to empower the youth in realizing their aspirations and contributing to the creation of a

“Viksit Bharat” (Developed India), across the entire spectrum of the Government. A digital platform for MY Bharat <https://www.mybharat.gov.in/> has been developed on which the youth across the country can register and signup for various volunteering opportunities being made available on the portal. The Leadership Development for the Youth is also envisioned through the platform by improving their leadership skills through experiential learning by shifting from isolated physical interaction to programmatic skills, make them social innovators, leaders in the communities and set the focus of the Government on Youth Led development and to make the Youth “active drivers” of development and not merely “passive recipients”.

(b) The Mera Yuva Bharat platform aims to create a phygital (physical + digital) ecosystem to empower young individuals to become catalysts for community transformation. With access to a digital network & connection to volunteering opportunities, youth would become community change agents and nation builders allowing them to act as the "Yuva Setu," between the government and the citizens.
