

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is coming up with any new youth policy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the said policy ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) & (b): The new National Youth Policy was announced in 2003. In order to focus on adolescents the youth has been redefined to include age group of 13-35 years, from earlier 15-35 years.

The Policy recognizes four thrust areas i.e. Youth Empowerment; Gender Justice; Inter-Sectoral Approach; and Information and Research Network.

The Policy recognizes the following areas as Key Sectors of concern for the youth:-

- (a) Education
- (b) Training and Employment
- (c) Health and Family welfare
- (d) Preservation of Environment, Ecology and Wild life
- (e) Recreation and Sports
- (f) Arts and Culture
- (g) Science and Technology; and
- (h) Civics and good Citizenship.

It also outlines the privileges and responsibilities of youth.

It provides for an implementation mechanism through which various youth development programmes and activities are to be undertaken with active involvement of State Governments and Union Ministries and Departments.