

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3107  
ANSWERED ON:05.09.2007  
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST WAR OF INDEPENDENCE  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether funds were sanctioned to the Nehru Yuva Kendras to commemorate/celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the first war of India's struggle for Independence in 1857; and

(b) if so, the details of programmes organized materials published language-wise by the said kendras especially in Rajasthan along with the expenditure incurred thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPEMNT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan organized various programmes at school level, village level, village cluster level, district level and also at the State level in all States, including Rajasthan. The programmes inter alia included seminars, debates, essay writing, prabhat pheris, cycle rallies etc. All these programs had "1857" as their theme. At the national level, the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan participated in the inaugural function of the national celebration to commemorate the 150th year of the First War of Independence by organizing a National Youth Rally from Meerut to Delhi from 7-10 May 2007, which culminated in a major function at the Red Fort, Delhi, attended by the President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Chairperson UPA and other high dignitaries on 11 May 2007.

Details of material published language wise are as follows:

Sl. No. Published & distributed Material Languages

1. Brochure : Sanjhi Sahadat Sanjhi English  
Virasat
2. Booklet 1 : Jung-e- Hindi & Azadi 1857 English
3. Booklet - 2 : Bharat Ke Pratham Hindi & English  
Swatantra Sangram Main Aam  
Logon ki Hissedari
4. Handbill about Jun-e-Azadi 1857 Hindi
5. Souvenir : 1857 Hindi
6. Book : Sanjhi Sahadat Ke Kuch Phool Hindi, Urdu & English

7. Posters about National Youth Rally Hindi, English, Marathi,  
Gujarati, Oriya, Bangla,  
Assamese, Telgu, Tamil,  
Malayalam, Kannada, Kashmiri,  
Urdu, Punjabi, Manipuri  
Expenditure involved

An expenditure of Rs.13.50 Crore (un-audited) has been incurred till date for organizing inaugural program of the 150th Anniversary of 1st War of Independence, 1857, which include Rs. 34, 45,299/- towards programmes in Rajasthan