

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

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NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Universities and colleges and other educational institutions in the country implementing the National Social Service (NSS) Scheme, State-wise;
- (b) the details of works undertaken by the students under the NSS Scheme particularly in the rural areas;
- (c) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Government for getting the works done under the NSS Scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise; and
- (e) the criteria laid down for the release of funds and the achievement of the Scheme in harnessing development of personality of students in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M. S. GILL)

- (a) Statement is enclosed .
- (b) The work undertaken by the students under NSS programmes includes tree plantation, blood donation, repair/construction of link roads, health and sanitation awareness campaigns in regard to HIV/AIDS, adolescent issues, health and family welfare programmes, disaster management, adoption of villages/slum for overall development, immunization, medical checkup camps, literacy programmes etc.
- (c) The guidelines of the scheme have been published in the NSS Manual, which is available with all the NSS units in country.
- (d) National Service Scheme, is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, being implemented by this Ministry with its primary focus on the development of personality of the students through community service and to develop character and personality of student youth in schools and colleges. The scheme is implemented through the State Governments and the operations of NSS are at the University/Colleges and Higher Secondary School level.
- (e) The criteria for the release of funds are based on the allocated strength of volunteers for the same year and settlement of previous accounts. The funds released under the scheme during the year 2007-08 are Rs. 48.67 crores.