

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

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

- (a) the details of the objectives of National Service Scheme (NSS);
- (b) whether the objectives of its programmes are not being achieved on account of non utilization of allocated funds by some States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the time by which NSS programme is likely to be extended on National and college level covering each of the students?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) The main objective of National Service Scheme (NSS) is to develop personality and character of the students. The Scheme inter-alia includes – identifying the needs and problems of the community and involving them in problem solving process; develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility; utilise their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems; develop competence required for group-living and sharing of responsibilities; gain skills in mobilising community participation; acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitudes; develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters and practice national integration and social harmony.

(b) & (c) Due to non-settlement of accounts by the states of Jammu & Kashmir, Assam, Delhi, Jharkand, Sikkim and Manipur, grants have not been released for NSS activities to these States. The matter is pursued with the respective State Governments for early settlement of accounts.

(d) NSS already covers 206 Universities and 41 (+2) Senior Secondary Councils and Directorate of Vocational Education covering more than 10,313 colleges / institutes of higher and technical education and 7542 Secondary schools all over the country. The enrolment of the students in NSS is done on a voluntary basis, hence it is difficult to prepare a timeframe for covering all students.