

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:453
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2010
PERFORMANCE OF NYKs
Venugopal Shri K. C.

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

- (a) whether the performance of the Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) is satisfactory;
- (b) if not, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken to improve the performance of NYKs in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to expand NYKs to all the districts in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M. S. GILL)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 453 FOR 27.04.2010 ASKED BY SHRI K.C.VENUGOPAL REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF NYKS.

a) to (c): The Nehru Yuva Kendras(NYKs) have been established since 1972 with the objective of providing rural youth avenues to take part in the process of national development and opportunities for the development of their personality and skills.

These Kendras established in the States, undertake multifarious activities through a large network of Youth Clubs/Mahila Mandals and volunteers who work at the grassroots level. The programmes and activities of Nehru Yuva Kendras during the 11th Plan include, Capacity Building of Youth Club members, Skill Upgradation Training Programme for Women, Work Camps, Sports Promotion Activities at grassroots levels, District Cultural Festivals and Youth Conventions, etc. Each Kendra is granted funds to the tune of Rs. 5 -7 lakhs annually, based on the number of blocks in the district. The funds allocated / released to the Kendras during the 11th Plan have been fully utilized for the purpose for which they are granted and the targets met.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has also taken new initiatives for implementing programmes and activities of various Ministries/ Departments specially concerning awareness campaign and advocacy. Towards this end, specific projects have been proposed in respect of Women and Child Development, Youth Exchange Programme for Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern Region, HIV AIDS, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Disaster Management and providing Agricultural Extension and Education.

(d)& (e) Yes, Madam. The Government proposes to open 122 new Nehru Yuva Kendras in the uncovered districts of the country. A proposal for seeking approval of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has been prepared.