

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

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RAJIV GANDHI ADVENTURE SCHEME  
Satpathy Shri Tathagata

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Rajiv Gandhi Adventure Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount earmarked for the scheme;
- (c) the number of students likely to participate in the said scheme;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any criteria for participation in this scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. With a view to promote adventure activities among student youth, Rajiv Gandhi Adventure Scheme was launched on 26th June, 2009. The camps will be conducted all over the country from Himalayan Region in the North to kannur and Thekkadi in South India, on a yearly basis. Each adventure camp is of 10 days duration. The adventure activities to be undertaken in these camps include trekking, mountaineering, white water rafting, para-sailing, para-gliding and basic skiing. An amount of Rs.1.66 crores has been earmarked for the scheme.

(c): 2000 NSS Volunteers with at least 50% of the volunteers being girl students are covered under the scheme.

(d) & (e): The physical standards required for NSS Volunteers are that they should be in the age group of 18-35 years; should be able to do physical work/walk/climb/ski/peddle boat for 3-4 hours and should possess medical-cum-fitness certificate. The process of selection of volunteers is done by the selection committees constituted for the purpose with due representation given to all the States and Union Territories.