

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

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INTER-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOUTH

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

- (a) whether the government has any proposal to explore the avenues for Inter-Cultural Understanding among Youth of the country including North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the government proposes to impart training/hold any programme for the youths of the country including youth of NER for this purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to organise any National Conference/Training of youths of Inter-Cultural Understanding so as to orient them to the regional realities and bringing them into the national mainstream and other cultures; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): The Central Scheme being implemented by this Ministry viz., National Program for Youth and Adolescent Development has a component of National Integration Camps in which youth from at least five states participate in a 7-14 day residential camp with a view to instill the spirit of national integration through various camp activities like cultural programs, group discussions, debates etc. A number of such camps are organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan/National Service Scheme (NSS) and NGOs in the North Eastern States where the youth from North Eastern States Participates in camps organized in other states. The New Scheme of the Mega Summer Camp of the NSS also has been visualized with the same aim. Further the components of National Youth Festival, National Youth Awards, career guidance etc also helps in the inter-cultural understanding among youth of the country. It may also be noted that in the year 2009, the first North East Youth Festival was organized by this Ministry at Kohima. These activities funded by the Ministry are in the right direction to promote inter- Cultural Understanding among Youth of the Country including North Eastern Region.