

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF 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 increase employment opportunities in the sports sector and include the same in the sports/youth policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing schemes being implemented for the development of youth in the country have not been evaluated;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken thereon;
- (e) whether the Union Government had held discussion with the State Governments to forward their inputs about the new schemes for skill development and creation of employment for youth, particularly in the insurgency dominated areas of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): One of the key sectors of youth concerned as recognized in the National Youth Policy, 2003 is training and Employment. The present Youth Policy is under review. Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Patiala, Lakshmi Bai National College for Physical Education, Thiruvananthapuram and Laxmibai National University for Physical Education, Gwalior (MP) run degree, post-graduation and several diploma courses including coaching diploma, diploma in sports journalism etc. for meeting the demand for coaches, physical education instructors etc. Community Coaches/sports volunteers called Kridashrees are engaged to manage PYKKA centres/playgrounds at village/block panchayats; "The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education" (RTE), Act, 2009, recognizes sports and physical education as part of school curriculum and the need to have part-time physical instructors in all schools. This will create huge employment opportunity in the sports sector. Besides, commercialization of sports is also creating employment opportunities.

(c) & (d): The existing schemes being implemented in the Ministry are evaluated from time to time and when necessary are being modified accordingly.

(e) & (f): Government of India through its youth based flagship organization Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan is implementing Skill Upgradation Training Programme (SUTP) for girls in 200 bordering/tribal/hilly districts of the country. Recognizing the constructive potential of these vocational programmes especially for youth, the Government of India is also actively considering a Pilot project named Youth Employability Skill (YES) Project with the focus to provide specific skills to the volunteers and youth clubs members in all the States in the North Eastern Region. The Government has launched a new Scheme "National Youth Corps" during the current financial year 2010-11 to tap the potential of the youth and channeling their energy towards nation building. The Scheme envisages enrollment of 20,000 volunteers, of which 8,000 are to be deployed in Jammu and Kashmir and 12,000 volunteers in other States.