

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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

(a) whether adequate funds are available for the implementation of various schemes/programmes for the benefit/welfare of youth and sports activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to expand the programmes of various schemes namely Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Scouting and Guiding and the National Service Scheme etc.?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The details are given at Annexure-I.

(c) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) through its 501 kendras is undertaking multifarious activities through its large network of Youth Clubs/Mahila Mandals and volunteers at the grassroot level. NYKS is now proposing to establish new Nehru Yuva Kendras in the remaining 122 districts of the country for which necessary sanctions/approvals are being sought. In regard to National Service Scheme (NSS), the Ministry has enhanced the cost norms for its regular activities and special camping programmes from Rs.160/- & Rs.200/- to Rs.250/- per volunteer and from Rs.300/- & Rs.400/- to Rs.450/- per volunteer w.e.f. 1st April, 2010. This enhancement will contribute towards improvement in the quality and contents of NSS Programmes. As for Scouting & Guiding activities an amount of Rs.2.00 crore has been earmarked during the current financial year.