

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched a Youth Employability Skill Project in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for implementation of the programme;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the status of the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNID);
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the process of upgradation of the said institute is likely to be completed; and
- (f) the extent to which the activities of the said institute are likely to increase after its upgradation?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (c): The Government of India has initiated a pilot project namely Youth Employability Skill (YES) Project with the focus on providing specific employable skills to unemployed youth in all the States in the North Eastern Region. The objective is to enhance the employability of youth by running a variety of employable skills based training courses through recognized Vocational Training Providers (VTPs). The skill training would be provided by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) through its partner agency. A Training programme of three months duration in Rural Retail Sales & Marketing with Information Technology and Personality Development has already been started in July, 2011 in Manipur. During the current financial year i.e. 2011-12, a sum of Rs.3.00 crore has been sanctioned for the implementation of the scheme.

(d) Yes, Madam.

(e) A Mentor Group comprising of eminent persons, academicians and experts in agriculture, law and public policy was constituted on 28th March, 2011 to examine the feasibility of converting the existing Institution Deemed to be University to an Institution of National importance by an Act of Parliament. The Mentor Group has recommended that Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNID) be converted an Institute of National Importance to address the imperative vital needs of Youth Development in the Country on the basis of the recommendations, the Government is in the process of introducing the Bill to upgrade RGNID into an Institution of National Importance.

(f) The proposed Institute of National Importance aims to provide facilities to 600 students in its campus and have 4 Divisions, 9 centers and 8 Departments and a flagship Post Graduate Programme in M.A. Youth Development.