

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

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NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME NSS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has evaluated the functioning of National Service Scheme (NSS) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and findings of the study and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has also sought suggestions from the general public on the functioning of the NSS; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai has evaluated the functioning of NSS and submitted its final report in July, 2009. The study covered (1) nature and spread of NSS activities, (2) the impact and sustainability of NSS, (3) administrative and financial mechanism and (4) training and motivational aspects. The evaluation study interalia recommended enhancement of the per volunteer cost, introduction of incentives to volunteers by way of certificates, weightage in admission to higher education improvement in training facilities.

(c)&(d) a communication seeking suggestion for improvement in the scheme of NSS has been sent to all State /UT Governments and the same has been posted on the website of NSS.