

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

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

- (a) the target set and achievement made in the functioning/activities undertaken by the Government under the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) during the last two and the current Five Year Plan, plan-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated/spent on the said scheme during the above period, plan-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the performance under this scheme is not upto the mark after the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which all the districts are likely to be covered under the said scheme?

Answer

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

(a) The Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) have been established since 1972 with the objective of providing rural youth avenues to take part in the process of national development and opportunities for the development of their personality and skills. These Kendras established in the States, undertake multifarious activities through a large network of Youth Clubs/Mahila Mandals and volunteers who work at the grassroots level. The programmes and activities of Nehru Yuva Kendras during the 9th, 10th & 11th Plan include, Capacity Building of Youth Club members, Skill Upgradation Training Programme for Women, Work Camps, Sports Promotion Activities at grassroots levels, District Cultural Festivals and Youth Conventions, etc.

(b) Each Kendra of NYKS is granted funds annually based on the number of blocks in the district. During the 9th, 10th & 11th Plan funds to the tune of Rs. 143.38 crore and Rs. 251.82 crore were made available and during the 11th Plan Rs. 565.29 crore has been earmarked for Kendras of NYKS.

(c) & (d): The funds allocated / released to the Kendras during the last two and current Five Year Plan period have been fully utilized for the purpose for which they are granted and the targets met. NYKS is spearheading the youth development related initiatives. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has also taken new initiatives for implementing programmes and activities of various Ministries/ Departments especially concerning awareness campaign and advocacy. A paradigm shift has been brought in the functioning and implementation of Schemes by NYKS. Towards this end, specific projects have been initiated in respect of Women and Child Development, Youth Exchange Programme for Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern Region, HIV AIDS, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Disaster Management and providing Agricultural Extension and Education, Youth Employability Skill (YES) Project for 59 districts of North Eastern States, Skill Upgradation Training Programme (SUTP) for women in 200 Border/Tribal/ Backward Districts and Skill Development Training Programme (SDTP) under National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) in 100 districts.

(e) The Government has approved the proposal to cover the remaining uncovered districts of the country not having Kendra of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) at present.