

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any plan for skill development and creation of employment opportunities for the youth in the naxal hit /insurgency dominated areas of the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any financial assistance has been sought to implement the proposed plan;
- (d) If so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the Finance Ministry thereon; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to tap the potential of the youth and channelise their energy towards nation building?

Answer

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

(a) & (b):The Government of India has initiated a Pilot project namely Youth Employability Skill (YES) Project with the objective to enhance the employability of youth by running a variety of employable skills based training courses through recognized Vocational Training Providers (VTPs) for nearly 1000 rural youth and 7000 youth club members in all the 59 districts of North Eastern States. The skill training is being 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 the States of Manipur and Meghalaya. 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. After the success of the pilot project it is proposed to expand it to all other States including naxal hit/insurgency dominated areas of the country.

(c)&(d):A proposal has been referred to Planning Commission, wherein it has been projected to provide training to 15000 youth under Youth Employability Skills (YES) during the 12th Plan period.

(e)The Government has launched a new Scheme "National Youth Corps" during the year 2010-11 to tap potential of the youth and channelizing their energy towards nation building. The scheme envisages enrolment of 20000 volunteers of which 8000 are to be deployed in Jammu & Kashmir and 12000 in other States.