

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:18
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2012
NEHRU YUVA KENDRAS
Vardhan Shri Harsh

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the working of Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether NYKs have still not been set up in several districts including in Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to open NYKs in these districts and also to revamp these centres on the basis of the findings of the review?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 18 FOR 13.03.2012 ASKED BY SHRI HARSH VARDHAN REGARDING NEHRU YUVA KENDRAS.

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. A holistic management study of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) was entrusted to Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad who having submitted their report in February, 2009 made some major recommendations, inter alia, reorganization of NYKS programmes, impact of NYKS on empowerment and development of youth, structural changes for improving the delivery of services and convergence with schemes and programmes of other Ministries and international agencies etc. The Government has implemented the recommendations thereby introducing a new programme for Youth Leadership and Personality Development, the Zonal offices have been increased from 18 to 28, introduction of Skill Upgradation Training Programme (SUTP) for girls in 200 boarding/Tribal/Hilly districts of the country, preparation of revised training manuals on various subjects for Youth Development and Empowerment, Life Skills Education, National Integration & Social Harmony and Enhancement of honorarium from Rs.1000/- to Rs.2500/- per month being paid to the volunteers.

(c)to(e): At present there is a Kendra of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) in 501 districts of the country. The Government has recently approved the proposal to open a Kendra of NYKS in the remaining 122 uncovered districts of the country including 16 Kendras in the State of Uttar Pradesh as per the details Annexed.

The major thrust of NYKs now is towards the deployment and mentoring of Rural Youth Clubs at the village level. The Government has taken steps towards the infrastructural upgradation, capacity building and the professionalization of the youth clubs and implementation of schemes by NYKS. 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. The Government of India has launched a Pilot Project named 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 and J&K. A programme has also been launched for creating awareness and education for the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism into 10 (ten) districts of Punjab and seven districts of Manipur.