

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

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

- (a) the names of the schemes/programmes being implemented for the development of youth alongwith the funds allocated under these schemes/programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to review the implementation of schemes meant for development and promotion of youth in the country so as to make it more effective;
- (c) if so, the details thereof: and
- (d) the deficiencies identified in the implementation of the current schemes and the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 263 FOR 24.04.2012 REGARDING SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH BY SH. NAVEEN JINDAL.

(a) The following schemes/programmes are being implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for development of youth:

- (i) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)
- (ii) National Service Scheme (NSS)
- (iii) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNID)
- (iv) National Youth Corps (NYC)
- (v) National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD)

The details of funds allocated under each of these schemes/programmes during last three years and the current year, State-wise are at Annexure.

(b): Yes Madam. To galvanize the youth to rise up to the new challenges, the Government has reviewed recently the schemes/programmes meant for development and promotion of youth in the country so as to make them more effective. To keep pace with changing youth demography and their need the Ministry has drafted a new Youth Policy with special emphasis on promotion of national values, social harmony and national unity, empowering youth, healthy lifestyle, sports and recreation facilities, promoting gender justice and equality, participation in community service, preparing adolescents for facing challenges of life, issues related to environment and its conservation. The new Youth Policy has been circulated to all State Governments and uploaded on Ministry's website to invite comments.

(c) & (d): A holistic management study of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) was conducted by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad. It made some major recommendations, such as, 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 major 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 bordering/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.

Evaluation of the functioning of NSS, was conducted by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). The specific objectives of the study

were to review the planning and implementation of the existing NSS activities in different zones and to assess its impact and sustainability; to examine the structure and functioning of the existing administrative and financial mechanism at different levels and suggest restructuring; and assess the training imparted to NSS functionaries at different training schools and ascertain the motivational aspect required to sustain NSS. The major deficiencies identified in the Report are inadequate financial allocation for NSS activities, untrained Programme Officers, lack of motivation amongst volunteers, weakness in mandated regular activities, non-appointment of State Liaison Officers and absence of a regular Programme Adviser for the Scheme. Remedial measures were taken and they include, increasing the cost norms under the NSS, revamping training facilities for Programme Officers, new adventure and mega camps for volunteers, appointing State Liaison in all States and framing Recruitment Rules for the post of Programme Adviser. This is a work in progress and steps have been taken to make regular activities more focused, by identifying core areas viz. environment, literacy, disaster management, public health & sanitation, rural development and skill development.