

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4010

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NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

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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 the National Service Scheme (NSS) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and findings of the study;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to incentivise the private sector to participate in the NSS;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to enhance the number of awards and price money under the NSS; and
- (e) if so, the details and the purpose thereof and the time by which such proposal is likely to be approved?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS(SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The functioning of the National Service Scheme (NSS) in the country has been evaluated by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in 2008-09. The major findings relate to funding pattern, supervision, monitoring and evaluation of activities undertaken by Volunteers, Training of programme functionaries, filling up of vacant posts and expansion of enrollment of volunteers under the scheme.

(c) To incentivize the private sector to participate in NSS, the Scheme of Self Financing Units (SFU) has been introduced. These units are extended all benefits of participating in the programme like National Camps, International Youth exchange Programmes and Festivals.

(d) & (e) The number of awards and award money were enhanced in the year 2010-11. The details are as under.

Category	No. of Awards before enhancement	No. of Awards after Enhancement	Award Money before enhancement	Award Money after enhancement
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University/+2 Council (State Level)	1	1	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Rs. 2,00,000/-
Upcoming University	0	1	nil	Rs. 1,00,000/-
Letter of Appreciation	0	5	nil	No cash award.
Programme Officer	6	10	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 20,000/-
NSS Unit	6	10	Rs. 35,000/-	Rs. 70,000/- (For NSS Programme Development)
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NSS Volunteers	16	30	Rs.8,000/-	Rs.15,000/-