

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

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RAJIV GANDHI ADVENTURE SCHEME
Dhurve Jyoti

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Rajiv Gandhi Adventure Scheme;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the scheme along with the amount sanctioned and allocated to various State Governments including Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh for implementation of the scheme so far;
- (c) whether the Government monitors the activities carried out under the scheme and the utilisation of allocated amount; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. With a view to promote adventure activities among student youth, "Rajiv Gandhi Adventure Scheme", a component under National Service Scheme (NSS) was launched on 26th June, 2009. Under this component, camps are conducted all over the country from Himalayan Region in the North to Kannur and Thekkadi in South India, on a yearly basis. The adventure activities undertaken in these camps include trekking, mountaineering, white water rafting, para-sailing, para-gliding and basic skiing. Annually camps are held in summer and winter of 10 days duration each. In these Camps 2000 NSS volunteers participate each year of which at least 50% are girl students. No funds are sanctioned to the State Governments for this component as the adventure activities are directly organised by this Ministry.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam. The activities carried out under the Rajiv Gandhi Adventure Scheme, component of NSS are monitored by the Ministry through the NSS Regional Centers.