

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

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NATIONAL INTEGRATION AMONG YOUTHS
Dhurve Jyoti

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

- (a) whether the Government has any schemes to encourage the youths in promoting National Integration;
- (b) if so, the details of the activities being undertaken under such schemes and the names of the implementing agencies; (
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned/released during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and State -wise including Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat; and
- (d) the further steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. The Government is implementing a youth programme called Promotion of National Integration under the National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD) Scheme. Besides, the two mega camps and one Republic Day Camp, organized every year under the National service Scheme (NSS), also promote National Integration.

(b) The different activities carried out are holding of National Integration Camps, Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme, Multi-Cultural Activities, National Youth Festival, State Youth Festival and National Youth Award under the NPYAD Scheme and mega camps and Republic Day camp under the NSS.

The implementing agencies for holding the National Youth Festival, State Youth Festival, National Youth awards, mega camps and Republic Day Camp, are the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the concerned State Governments, whereas, for holding the National Integration Camps, Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme and Multi-Cultural Activities, the implementing agencies are the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) of the Ministry and other recognized/empaneled all India level organizations.

(c) The State-wise details of funds sanctioned/released for the above programmes during the last three years and current year, are given in annexure.

(d) It is the constant endeavour of the Ministry to continue the implementation of these programmes for promotion of national integration with the wider objectives for the development of Youths & Adolescents.