GOVERNMENT OF INDIA YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:587 ANSWERED ON:09.12.2013 SCHEMES TO PROMOTE YOUTH PROGRAMMES Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia;Singh Shri Bhola

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any Centrally Sponsored Scheme for providing basic sports and infrastructure in villages and block Panchayats of the country and to encourage sports and to promote youth programme across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized under such schemes during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up more Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) and to promote National Service Scheme (NSS) in 2012-13; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Central Government is already running two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), launched in the year 2008-09, to promote Sports for rural areas of the country which is aimed at development of playfield in all the village and block panchayats across the country in a phased manner in 10 years and National Service Scheme (NSS) launched in the year 1969 with primary focus on the development of personality of student youth through community service and volunteerism.
- (c) The funds allocated and utilized under the two schemes during each of the last three years and the current year are as under:

(d) & (e): The activities of Nehru Yuva Kendras have been extended to 623 districts in the country where it is undertaking multifarious activities through its large network of Youth Clubs/Mahila Mandals and volunteers at the grass root level. The National Service Schemes (NSS) is also continuing successfully.