

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

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YOUTH POLICY

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a new National Youth Policy(NYP), 2014;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) the aims and objectives which are sought to be achieved by the policy along with the priority areas identified;
- (d) the funds allocated for implementation of the policy;
- (e) whether there is any programme in the field of Entrepreneurship to scale up effective programmes to build capacity for youth entrepreneurs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which youth can be benefitted under the said programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. The Government of India has formulated a new National Youth Policy(NYP), 2014. The salient features of the National Youth Policy-2014, are as under:

(i) The National Youth Policy 2014 defines the age of youth as persons between the age 15-29 years.

(ii) The National Youth Policy 2014 seeks to define the vision of the Government of India for the youth of the country and identify the key areas in which action is required to enable youth development and to provide a framework for action for all stakeholders.

(iii) The Policy identifies eleven specific priority areas for action, as under:

Education.

Employment and Skill Development.

Entrepreneurship.

Health and Healthy Lifestyle.

Sports.

Promotion of Social Values.

Community Engagement.

Participation in Politics and Governance.

Youth Engagement.

Inclusion.

Social Justice.

The National Youth Policy also outlines the future imperatives of each of the above priority areas.

(d) The action for implementation of the Policy is required to be taken by concerned Ministries/Departments from their own budgetary allocations. No separate funds have been allocated for implementation of the Policy.

(e) & (f) Yes Madam, Ministry of MSME is implementing Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs), Industrial Motivation Campaigns(IMCs), Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs) and Management Development Programmes(MDPs) Scheme for Skill Development for employment and self employment.