

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

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REVIEW OF NYKS AND YES PROJECT .

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated/released /expenditure incurred on Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) set in various parts of the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether unemployed youth are provided employment by NYKs;
- (c) if so, the number of youths provided employment by NYKs during the said period, State/ UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has recently conducted any review on the performance and functioning of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and the Youth Employability Skill (YES) Project in the country and the North-Eastern States including Assam;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the deficiencies identified along with the action/ steps taken thereon; and
- (f) the details of the funds allocated/released/spent during each of the last three years and the current year under the YES Project, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) The State/U.T. wise details of the funds allocated/released/ expenditure on Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) during each of the last three years and the current years are given in Annexure-I.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. An evaluation study of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) was entrusted to an independent evaluation agency which has recently been submitted its report.

The deficiencies identified and recommendations given by the agency are summarized as under:

- i. Lack of manpower.
- ii. Lack of funds to implement the programme in effective manner.
- iii. Delay in disbursement of fund at district level.
- iv. Lack of inter-ministerial, center to state and district coordination.
- v. Need for improvement in record management.
- vi. Committees formed at different levels needs to be active and informed.
- vii. Monitoring of programme through external agencies and separate fund for monitoring should be earmarked.

The recommendations as per the study have been accepted and are being implemented in a phased manner depending upon the availability of funds

NYKS in collaboration with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) conducted a pilot on Youth Employability Skill (YES) Project. Under the project, Skill Development and Vocational Training was provided to Youth in various fields like Retail Sales, Electrician, Accounting, Hospitality, Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES), Business Process outsourcing (BPO) etc. Under the project, 1269 Youth from North Eastern States and J &K were trained. A feedback report was obtained through an independent agency, namely, Achhinaukri.com for verification and tracking of the beneficiaries, the results of which are as follows:

Over 70.6% candidates responded to the feedback.

94% of the candidates who responded found the training satisfactory

52.6% candidate were offered a job/interview opportunity by the training institute, but a number of candidates quit the jobs in less than 2 months of their joining or did not join. Top three reasons for quitting or not joining the jobs are as under:

a. Salary Dissatisfaction

b. Unsatisfactory benefits

c. Health /Personal Reasons.

(f) For the pilot project on Youth Employability Skill (YES) Project conducted in the State of J&K and North Eastern States during the year 2011-12, a sum of Rs.2.79 crore was incurred as per the details given in Annexure-II.