

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNCTIONING OF NYK

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

- (a) the number of posts including youth coordinator lying vacant in Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/being taken in this regard and the time by which vacant posts are likely to be filled up, State/UT and kendra-wise;
- (b) the steps taken on the recommendations made by the working Group on Adolescents set up by the erstwhile Planning Commission;
- (c) the action taken to conceptualise a framework for coordination of youth related activities of the States;
- (d) whether the Government has constituted State and District level Consultative Committees for the monitoring of NYKs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to make NYK Sangathan more effective?

Answer

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

(a) The State/UT wise details of posts lying vacant in Nehru Yuva Kendras(NYKs) are given in Annexure-I. All possible efforts are being made to fill up the vacant posts. For vacant promotion posts, based on the recommendations of Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) , eligible officers have been promoted in the grade of District Youth Coordinators, Deputy Directors and Zonal Directors. Regarding direct recruitment for various posts, UPSC and SSC have not agreed to take up the recruitment since NYKS is an autonomous Registered Society and not a Government Department. In this context, for direct recruitment to the vacant posts of District Youth Coordinator (DYC), a vacancy circular was issued inviting applications for filling up 45 posts and the recruitment process is going on. Meanwhile, 28 officers have been appointed on deputation against vacant posts of DYC's and 9 retired DYC's, who retired during last 3 years, have been engaged as Consultants. Regarding direct recruitment to the vacant posts of Accounts-cum-Typists (ACTs), possibility of recruitment through some Public Sector recruiting agencies is being explored. Steps are being taken to fill up other vacant posts as well.

(b) The following steps have been taken on the recommendations made by the working group on Adolescents set up by the erstwhile Planning Commission:

- i. The reach of NYKS has been extended to 623 districts of the country and the Zonal offices have been increased from 18 to 29.
 - ii. The major thrust of NYKS is now towards the development and monitoring of rural youth clubs at the village level. The Government has taken steps towards the infrastructural upgradation, capacity building and the professionalization of the youth clubs.
 - iii. Skill Upgradation Training Programme(SUTP) for women is being implemented with the objective to upgrade vocational skills of rural young women and enable them to supplement their family income.
 - iv. NYKS have introduced Skill Upgradation Training Programme (SUTP) for men also
 - v. Steps are being taken up for filling up the vacant posts of District Youth Coordinators(DYC's) with better talent.
 - vi. The Government introduced a new programme for Youth Leadership and Personality Development to train the youth leaders and to equip them with necessary qualities to take leadership roles.
 - vii. Inter Youth Club Sports Meet has been introduced at Cluster and District level to encourage rural sports and games among youth clubs.
 - viii. National Integration Camps are being organized at State Level and District Level.
 - ix. Tribal Youth Exchange Programmes are being conducted for which tribal youth are selected from Naxal affected districts (LWE districts).
 - x. Youth Club Development Programme has been introduced to strengthen the existing network of Youth Clubs with representation from all sections of the Society.
 - xi. Training on Youth Leadership and Community Development has been introduced with aim to enhance capacity of young people to take leadership to help others to live a meaningful life and contribute towards nation-building.
 - xii. Theme-based Awareness and Education Programme has been introduced for creating awareness among youth about the importance of health & family welfare, sanitation, environment conservation and other issues of social concern.
 - xiii. Days of National and International importance are being observed for generation of awareness about critical issues of national and international importance.
 - xiv. NYKS offers Skill Development training to NYC volunteers on completion of their tenure in NYKS.
- (c) to (e) In order to conceptualise a framework for coordination of youth related activities of the States, NYKS has following two types of Committees:

1. State Advisory Committee on Youth Programme (SACYP) headed by Hon`ble Minister for Youth Service and Sports of respective states. 02 Hon`ble Members of Parliament/ MLAs/MLCs are nominated by Hon`ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports who happens to be the Chairperson of NYKS.

2. District Advisory Committee on Youth Programme (DACYP) headed by District Collector/District Magistrate.

Through these committees, NYKS remain in touch with district administration and state authorities. During the meetings of these committees, missing links if any, between the State/District Administration and NYKS for undertaking coordination programmes and mobilization of resources for youth development and empowerment are minimized. The structure of State Advisory Committee on Youth Programmes (SACYP) and District Advisory Committee on Youth Programmes (DACYP) is uniform in all the 623 districts as per the details given at Annexure-II and Annexure-III respectively.

An evaluation study of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) was entrusted to an independent agency which has recently submitted its report. The recommendations are being examined for their implementation to put more effective systems and mechanism in place for the smooth functioning of the organization.