

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the coverage under the National Service Scheme in Universities/colleges and schools is satisfactory;
- (b) if so, the number of above institutions covered so far under the scheme in each State; and
- (c) the steps taken for effective implementation of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has informed that the National Service Scheme (NSS), which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, is being implemented with the objective to develop the personality of student youth through community services and at present has 33.00 lakhs volunteers on its rolls in 336 Universities, 15908 Colleges/ Technical Institutions and 11,809 Senior Secondary Schools.

(b): The number of above institutions covered so far under this scheme in each State is at Annexure.

(c): The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has informed that the following initiatives are being undertaken for augmenting the effectiveness of NSS:

(i) Timely release of grants/ funds to State Governments

(ii) Establishment of empanelled training institutes to conduct training programmes and build the capacity of the various NSS functionaries implementing the programmes/ activities

(iii) Monitoring of the ongoing programmes/ activities of NSS through the network of NSS Regional Centres and State Liasion Cells

(iv) Formation of NSS Advisory Committees at Institutions/ States/ National level which suggest programmes/ activities for the effective implementation of NSS, based on local/ national needs. These Committees also help in removing the bottlenecks in implementation of the scheme.

(v) Organizing of Workshops/ Seminars on various social issues for the NSS functionaries to keep them updated with the latest/ burning social/ youth issues. Further the University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that in a communication dated 23rd April, 2013 it has proposed to universities to recognize the National Service Scheme (NSS) as a co-curricular activity under the credit based semester scheme for both under graduate and post graduate programmes and consider giving grace marks for admission to Graduate and Post Graduate levels and also adequately reward the NSS volunteers for the selfless service rendered by them.