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National Young Leaders Programme

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented National Young Leaders Programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and objectives/aims of the said programme;
- (c) the components of the programme and the details of funds allocated/released and expenditure incurred by various States under the said programme since its inception, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the number of various activities undertaken and the number of youths actively participated/involved in governance process in various States, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. A new Central Sector Scheme titled "National Young Leaders Programme(NYLP)" was introduced in December,2014 in pursuance of Budget announcement of Hon'ble Finance Minister in 2014-15 Budget Speech. The programme aims at developing leadership qualities among the youth to enable them to realize their full potential and in the process, to contribute to the nation-building process.

The objective of the Scheme is to motivate the youth to strive for excellence in their respective fields and to bring them to the forefront of the development process. It seeks to harness the immense youth energy for national – building.

(c ) The National Young Leaders Programme has the following five components :

(i) Neighbourhood Youth Parliament (NYP): Neighbourhood Youth Parliament would provide a platform to the youth to articulate their views on various socio-economic development issues of concern to them. About 2.98 lakhs youth clubs under NYKS (Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan) shall start functioning as 'neighbourhood youth parliament'. This will gradually be expanded to cover all villages. The Programme will help in developing leadership qualities among the youth and in actively involving them in the governance process. The will also be an important step in the direction of 'good governance'.

ii) Youth for Development Programme (YFDP): The Programme aims at channelizing the immense youth energy towards the nation-building, by involving youth in Shramadaan (voluntary labour). The outcome of this Programme shall be that the young generation leads the Shramadaan with the entire community joining it. The Programme will help in developing the leadership qualities of the youth. In the process, it will also lead to conservation of environment and creation of assets for the nation.

iii) National Young Leaders Awards (NYLA): The youth are doing pioneering work in all the sectors. The Programme aims at motivating the youth to strive for excellence in their respective fields by recognizing and rewarding the outstanding work done by them. Such exceptionally talented youth could serve as role models and mentors for others.

iv) National Youth Advisory Council (NYAC): The Council is proposed to be set up to seek active involvement of the young leaders as well as other stakeholders in the decision-making process on the youth related issues. NYAC shall advise the Ministries/ Departments on youth related initiatives/ issues. The Council will give effective representation to young leaders from all States/ UTs.

v) National Youth Development Fund (NYDF): The Fund has been set up with the objective to mobilise funds from non-budgetary resources also for youth development. This will enable the Department to fill the gaps in the ongoing programmes as also take up innovative programmes for youth development to create young leaders.

The details of funds released and expenditure incurred since the inception of the scheme are given at Annexure-I.

(d) Neighbourhood Youth Parliament: During the year 2014-15, 4640 Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments at Block level were organized in equal number of Blocks across the country. In each programme, about 80 youth from a Block participated.

Similarly, during 2015-16, 4930 Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments at Block level were organized. In each programme, about 80 youth

from a Block participated

Youth for Development Programme: During the year 2014-15 under this scheme, the component of IEC: Publicity and Media activities were carried out in 552 District NYKs.

State wise details of various activities undertaken are given at Annexure-II.

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