

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to encourage adventure sports activities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated/released to the States during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a & b) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is encouraging adventure activities mainly through the National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD) Scheme. The adventure programme component under this Scheme are: Adventure activities of basic/intermediate level within India; Adventure activities of advanced level within India; Adventure Training and/or Awareness Camps at suitable places; Seminars, Workshops, Film/Slide Shows, Exhibitions, Festivals along with some demonstrative activities by experts on adventure; Assistance to Recognised Institutions to Promote Adventure; and Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards.

Further, the Ministry is also implementing the Rajiv Gandhi Adventure Scheme, under which adventure camps are conducted for National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers and the adventure activities undertaken in these camps include trekking (mountain and desert), white water rafting, para-sailing, para-gliding and basic skiing.

(c) For promotion of adventure activities, funds are not allocated/released State/UT-wise under the Schemes. Under both the schemes, funds for adventure activities are released to reputed Adventure Institutes and Organisations.