

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.633
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021

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- (a) the schemes being run by Government for the welfare of Youth and Sports, the details thereof; and
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ANSWER

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I. Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK): The Scheme has following seven sub-components:

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