

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1912
ANSWERED ON - 22/12/2022

RECOGNITION OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY NSS VOLUNTEERS

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to assess the work done by volunteers of the National Service Scheme (NSS), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there exists any specialized mechanism through which the NSS volunteers can work closely with the civic authorities in nation-building work, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to give employment in the development sector to meritorious NSS volunteers after the completion of graduation, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India has instituted the National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards in 1993-94 to recognize and reward outstanding contributions towards voluntary community service made by the Universities/ Colleges, +2 Councils (Senior Secondary Boards), NSS Units/ Programme Officers and NSS Volunteers, with a view to further promote NSS across the country. The details of Number of Awards and Value of Awards are as follows;

S. No	Category	No. of Awards	Value of Award
1.	University (duly recognized by UGC/Central/State Governments)/ +2 Councils (Senior Secondary School Boards of the State) having a minimum strength of 5000 NSS volunteers	02	First Award: Rs.5,00,000/- (for NSS Programme Development) with a Trophy to the University/+2 Council (Senior Secondary School Boards). A Certificate and a Silver Medal to the Programme Coordinator. Second Award: Rs.3,00,000/- (for NSS Programme Development) with a Trophy to the University/+2 Councils (Senior Secondary School Boards). A Certificate and a Silver Medal to the Programme Coordinator.

2.	NSS Units and their Programme Officers	10 + 10	Rs.2,00,000/- to each NSS Unit (For NSS Programme Development), with a Trophy. Rs.1,50,000/- to each Programme Officer with a Certificate and a Silver Medal.
3.	NSS Volunteers	30	Rs. 1,00,000/- to each Volunteer, with a Certificate and a Silver Medal.

(b) NSS Volunteer work in close coordination with various Government Ministry/Departments including civic authorities at urban/rural/panchayat level. They work for spread of awareness on various flagship schemes/programmes of Government of India. NSS has two types of activities and details of these activities are as under:

Regular Activities: Every NSS Volunteer has to undertake community development activities of 120 hours duration in the year. The major areas covers under their activities are as follows:

S. No	Area of Activity	Details of Activities/Programmes	In coordination with Central/State Ministries/Departments/Civic Authorities
1.	Education	Adult Literacy, Career guidance, Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, Admission of School Drop Outs etc.	State Education Departments, Civil Society Organisations, Banks, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, NGO
2.	Health Family Welfare & Nutrition	Immunization Drives, Blood Donation, Health Camps, Organ Donation, Cattle Camps	Health Department, Asha Workers, Panchayati Raj Institutions
3.	Environment Conservation	Plantation, Cleaning of Beaches, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Avenue plantation etc.	Forest Department, Panchayati Raj Institutions
4.	Social Welfare Activities	Work in Hospitals, Old Age Homes, Orphanage, Drug Abuse Reduction etc.	Health Department, Women & Child Development, Social Welfare Department, NGO, Civil Society Organisations, Rehabilitation Centre
5.	Women Empowerment	Awareness on Women Rights, Beti Bachao-Beti Badhao, Self Defence Training for Girls etc.	Women & Child Development, Police Deptt., Education Deptt.
6.	Disaster Management	Training on Disaster Management, First Aid, Preparing Disaster mitigations plan etc.	National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA)

Special Camping Programme: Each unit of NSS organizes every year a seven days residential camps at the adopted village/slum in close association with the Panchayat Raj Institutions and other development departments of the Union/State Government. Various projects/programmes are undertaken for community development in the field of nation building by these NSS volunteers.

(c) The Government has no plan to give employment in the development sector to meritorious NSS volunteers after the completion of graduation.
