

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTA RRED QUESTION NO-1429
ANSWERED ON- 14/12/2023

CONSTRUCTION OF YOUTH HOSTELS

1429 SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:
SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

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

- (a) the year-wise allocation and utilisation of funds towards construction of Youth Hostels;
- (b) steps taken by Government to guarantee quality standards, hygiene, and infrastructure improvements in Youth Hostels;
- (c) the measures undertaken by Government to facilitate a cooperative effort between the volunteers of NYKs and Common Service Centres (CSCs) aimed at enhancing digital and financial literacy among rural populations under the Prime Minister Digital Saksharta Mission (PMGDISHA); and
- (d) whether Government intends to raise the remuneration for National Youth Volunteers from Rs.5000, as suggested by the 354th Report of the Department-Related Parliamentary Committee on EWCY&S?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

- (a) The details of funds allocated and utilized for construction of Youth Hostels for last two years and current year are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	BE	RE	Expenditure
2021-22	3.00	2.50	0.50
2022-23	5.32	2.01	2.00
2023-24 (Till date)	5.00	5.00	0.12

- (b) As per Youth Hostel Manual, Manager of Youth Hostel is responsible to maintain the Hostel building and fixtures, its equipment and stores in good working condition and to ensure a high standard of hygiene and cleanliness in the kitchen, dormitories, lawns, social areas and Hostel surroundings. A need based, one-time grant/financial assistance upto Rs.20 lakhs can be released for renovation/up-gradation of Youth Hostels, subject to viability of the proposal and availability of funds. Further with a view to ensure the quality of service delivery to the visitors, currently, 19 Youth Hostels are ISO 9001:2015 certified.

(c) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) is not engaged with Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Mission. However, in order to enhance financial literacy among rural population, NYKS, in collaboration with Ministry of Corporate Affairs, conducted 150 programmes in 2022-23 and imparted financial literacy among 12,377 youth.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration.
