

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
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Harnessing the youth population dividend

664 SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is making any effort to channelize the demographic dividend of having a significant number of youth population by increasing their participation in Nation building;
- (b) if so the details thereof, if not the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is encouraging youth to pool financial resources to establish enterprises/start ups; and
- (d) if so the details thereof ;
if not the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In order to channelize the demographic dividend of having a significant number of youth population, the Department of Youth Affairs, has recently established Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), an autonomous body with a view to providing an over-arching enabling mechanism, powered by technology, for youth development and youth led development. This mechanism would provide equitable access to opportunities for youth to actualize their aspirations and build an Amrit Bharat by 2047. It is also envisioned to improve leadership skills of youth through experiential learning programme by giving exposure to work in practical situation in local self-government and in Government Bodies. Registration on the MY Bharat Portal since its launch has crossed 1.45 Crore.

Moreover, in order to optimally tap constructive and creative energies of the youth, the Department pursues the twin objectives of personality building and nation building, that is, developing the personality of youth by involving them in various nation building activities through a number of schemes such as National Service Scheme (NSS), National Youth Programme for Adolescent Development (NPYAD), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), etc.

(c) & (d) : No Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.
