

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT PROGRAM 2.0

1251. SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE

Will the MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken specific measures to ensure that the National Youth Parliament Program (NYPS) 2.0 is accessible to a diverse range of students across all States and Union-Territories, especially those from rural areas, Below Poverty Line (BPL), Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), and marginalized communities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Central Government is collaborating with State Governments and other stakeholders to ensure the accessibility of the National Youth Parliament Program 2.0 to students from diverse backgrounds, and to identify, train, and support participants effectively, if so, the details of such collaborative efforts and the outcomes achieved thus far?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

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(a) The Ministry has unveiled an upgraded version of the National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS) web portal, known as NYPS 2.0. Unlike the previous version, which was limited to students of recognized institutions, NYPS 2.0 is open to all citizens across the country regardless of economic status, gender, caste, creed, religion, race, region and place. Participation can be facilitated through the following ways: -

- i. Institution Participation: All educational institutions can participate in this category by organizing the Youth Parliament sittings as per the guidelines available on the portal. The students from classes VI to XII may be selected for the “Kishore Sabha” sub-category and Under Graduate and Post Graduate level students may be selected for the “Tarun Sabha” sub-category.
- ii. Group Participation: A group of citizens can participate in this category by organizing the Youth Parliament sittings as per the guidelines available on the portal.
- iii. Individual Participation: An individual citizen can participate in this category by attempting a quiz on the theme of ‘Bharatiya Democracy in Action’.

(b) The Ministry has actively promoted participation in NYPS 2.0 among its key stakeholders in the National Youth Parliament Competitions, including Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, and universities/ colleges, through national-level platforms such as Prize Distribution Functions and Orientation Courses associated with these competitions. Additionally, the Ministry has written to the Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories, as well as all Legislative Assemblies and Councils, urging them to enhance participation on the NYPS web portal to amplify the impact of the Youth Parliament Program in achieving its objective of strengthening the roots of democracy, inculcate healthy habits of discipline, and tolerance of the views of others and enabling all the citizens to know about practices and procedures of the Parliament and to enhance their knowledge of the functioning of the Government, Constitutional values and for living their life in a democratic way.
