

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2395  
ANSWERED ON- 20/03/2025

**National Youth Festival**

2395 # Dr. Kalpana Saini:

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

- (a) the process under which youth is selected to participate in the National Youth Festival;
- (b) whether Government is conducting any special programme for youth empowerment and skill development through this festival;
- (c) the details of Government expenditure made on the National Youth Festival in the last five years, year-wise;
- (d) whether Government is planning to launch any new initiative to make this festival more effective; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b): Viksit Bharat Challenge, a four-stage competition was conducted for the participation of Youth in the National Youth Festival (NYF). First two stages of the Viksit Bharat Challenge i.e. Stage 1: Viksit Bharat Quiz held from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and Stage 2: Viksit Bharat Essay Challenge held from 10<sup>th</sup> December to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were conducted through the MyGov Portal (virtual mode). Later two stages of the Viksit Bharat Challenge i.e. Stage 3: Viksit Bharat PPT Challenge, at State level held from 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and Stage 4: Viksit Bharat Championship at National Youth Festival held from 10<sup>th</sup> January to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were conducted in physical mode. In addition, physical participation from various States and Union Territories, selected through State Youth Festivals, was also facilitated. During the National Youth Festival, youth from different States and Union Territories participated in various traditional track events as well as Viksit Bharat Challenge. More than 3 Crore youth and others engaged themselves through various social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram during Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue. The various events held during the National Youth Festival offered youth valuable opportunities for empowerment and skill development.

(c): the details of Government expenditure made on the National Youth Festival in the last five years, year-wise is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Programme under NPYAD Scheme</b>	<b>Amount (in Rs.) spent by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India</b>
2023-24	27 <sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival 2024 (Host state: Maharashtra)	13,71,60,220/-
2022-23	26 <sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival 2023 (Host state: Karnataka)	12,09,57,195/-
2021-22	25 <sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival 2022 (Host state: Puducherry)	5,00,00,000/-
2020-21	24 <sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival 2021 (No Host State)	3,70,04,000/-
2019-20	23 <sup>rd</sup> National Youth Festival 2020 (Host state: Uttar Pradesh)	6,89,56,800/-

(d) & (e): At present, no such proposal is under consideration.

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