

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2950**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025/ CHAITRA 5, 1947 (SAKA)**

**KASHMIRI YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME IN JHARKHAND**

**2950 # SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the specific objective of the 'Watan Ko Jaano' programme in the context of integration and cultural exchange;**
- (b) whether Government has carried out any impact assessment study of these programmes;**
- (c) the employment and education opportunities provided to Kashmiri youth participating in this programme; and**
- (d) the response of the Jharkhand administration and local communities towards hosting the participants for the said exchange programme?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) & (b): The 'Watan Ko Jano' programme, organized by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir under the funding from Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is aimed at fostering national integration by exposing children of the age less than 18 years from government-run homes to the cultural, historical, and technological advancements of other parts of the country. The 'Watan Ko Jano' programme has been successful in promoting national integration, fostering unity among India's**

**youth, and helping create a more inclusive, harmonious society. The initiative has a positive influence on their awareness, confidence and social engagement.**

**(c) The 'Watan Ko Jano' programme does not directly provide employment. By fostering confidence, communication and inter-personal skills through cultural and professional interactions, the programme lays a strong foundation that support their future educational and career aspirations.**

**(d) Recently, the Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme was organised in Dhanbad district by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan from 15th to 20th February, 2025. The district administration provided logistical, security and infrastructural support. The programme received enthusiastic participation of the local community.**

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