

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 2234
ANSWERED ON 07/08/2025

FUNCTIONING OF NSS IN THE COUNTRY

2234 SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) the number of students in the country enrolled in National Service Scheme as on date;
- (b) whether Government is insisting all the secondary school, colleges and universities level students to join NSS;
- (c) if so, the action taken by Government for not participating in the NSS; and
- (d) the number of States/UTs that have been benefitted under the National Service Scheme award so far and the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a): The enrolment of Volunteers in National Service Scheme (NSS) as on 31.03.2025 is 38,74,124.
- (b): No. NSS is a voluntary service scheme therefore the Government encourages the students of secondary school, colleges and universities to join NSS as volunteers.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): So far, 28 states (All states of Union of India) and 5 UTs (Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir and Puducherry) have been benefitted under the National Service Scheme award. The details of these are available at the following link:

<https://nss.gov.in/sites/default/files/NSS%20Awardee%20list%201993-2021.pdf>
