

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2025

NATIONAL YOUTH VOLUNTEER SCHEME

2231 # SHRI CHUNNILAL GARASIYA:
DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:
SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

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

- (a) the level at which volunteers are being selected under the National Youth Volunteer scheme;
- (b) the manner in which the selection process has been finalized;
- (c) the number of States and Union Territories in which volunteer hiring has been completed or is currently in progress;
- (d) the training and orientation modules being finalized under the scheme;
- (e) the manner in which the Ministry is ensuring effective monitoring and evaluation of volunteer activities under the scheme; and
- (f) the future plans for scaling up and institutionalizing the scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) MY Bharat Youth Volunteers (earlier known as National Youth Volunteers) are selected at the Block level. Two volunteers are deployed in each Block of districts where MY Bharat has a Kendra Office, and three volunteers are deployed in Blocks of the districts where MY Bharat Kendra Office has not been established, so as to ensure adequate coverage.

(b) The selection process is carried out in a transparent and structured manner. Youth in the age group of 18 to 29 years with a minimum educational qualification of Matriculation (10th pass) are eligible to apply. Applications are invited at the district level from eligible candidates. Thereafter, the candidates are shortlisted and interviewed by a three-member Selection

Committee constituted at the district level under the Chairmanship of the District Youth Officer (DYO). The Committee evaluates the candidates based on the prescribed eligibility criteria, including age, educational qualification and inclination towards community service. The final list of selected candidates is approved at the district level, and the selected volunteers are subsequently deployed at the Block level for engagement under the Scheme.

(c) The deployment of MY Bharat Youth Volunteer has been completed in 9 States/ UTs and is under process in 27 States/ UTs.

(d) & (e) The National Youth Corps Scheme provides for induction training of volunteers at the time of their joining, as well as refresher training during the period of engagement with a view to building their capacities and enhancing effectiveness in community-based activities. The district level officers of MY Bharat are responsible for supervision, field guidance and periodic performance monitoring of volunteers. This framework of training, reporting processes and field-level oversight is uniformly implemented across all States and Union Territories.

(f) The scheme operates within the existing administrative and financial framework of the Government. Its scope and outreach remain subject to periodic review based on implementation experience and available resources. Operational guidelines and monitoring mechanisms form part of the existing process to ensure effective execution.
