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REVIEWING YOUTH ASPIRATIONS AND PRIORITIES

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken a comprehensive review of youth aspirations and priorities;
- (b) the steps taken to integrate employment, education, health and participation into a unified youth policy;
- (c) how data and surveys such as global youth studies are being used in policymaking; and
- (d) whether a dedicated monitoring framework exists to track youth empowerment outcomes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a)&(b) The National Youth Policy 2014 (NYP-2014) is a vision document for the development and empowerment of youth in India. Its vision is “to empower youth of the country to achieve their full potential, and through them enable India to find its rightful place in the community of nations.” The Policy outlines five key objectives and identifies 11 priority areas, namely education, employment and skill development, entrepreneurship, health and healthy lifestyle, sports, promotion of social values, community engagement, participation in politics and governance, youth engagement, inclusion and social justice.

The Policy is being implemented with the collective responsibility and efforts of all concerned Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments as well as other stakeholders. Although, there is no scheme/programme under the NYP 2014, it is a guiding document for a number of Central Ministries/ Departments, including the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, which have implemented/ are implementing schemes/ programmes having bearing on development and empowerment of youth in the 11 specified priority areas.

The draft ‘National Youth Policy, 2026’ is also under preparation stage. The proposed National Youth Policy 2026 seeks to align the aspirations and potential of India’s youth with national development priorities in pursuit of the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The policy is being evolved with the suggestions/feedback received from citizens of India through MY Gov Platform, MY Bharat Platform etc, inter-ministerial consultations with Ministries and Departments of Government of India, and comments of State/UT Government. The Policy identifies six focus areas which are Youth Leadership and Volunteerism, Education, Skilling and Employment readiness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Health and Well-being, Sports & Recreation, and Environment and Climate Action.

Further, the Department of Youth Affairs has established MY Bharat, a youth engagement and participation platform that enables youth registration, profile creation, and participation in activities such as Experiential Learning Programmes (ELPs), volunteering opportunities, and events hosted by partner Ministries, organisations, and institutions.

MY Bharat was launched on 31st October 2023 by Hon'ble Prime Minister at Kartavya Path, the platform promotes Seva Bhav (spirit of service) and encourages youth to act as agents of change. It also captures indicators such as youth registrations, activity listings, partner onboarding, and participation levels, providing insights into youth engagement across the country.

The National Youth Festival (NYF) being organized by the Department of Youth Affairs has been restructured as Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue(VBYLD) since January 2025 to create a structured, merit-based, dialogue-driven national platform that directly engages youth in articulating their aspirations and ideas for India's development.

(c) Youth Development Index 2017 prepared by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), a premier institute under Department of Youth Affairs, contains data related to Health, Education of youth community in India, which is useful for policy making. It was prepared in line with the guidelines of Global Youth Development Index & other Global data for comparison purposes.

(d) Monitoring of activities under MY Bharat during 2025–26 is carried out through a dedicated internal dashboard integrated with the MY Bharat portal, which captures real-time data on youth participation, activities hosted, partnerships with Ministries/Departments and other stakeholders. The reporting framework enables the Department to track growth in youth participation and digital engagement across programmes hosted on the platform.

Further, the outcomes of the youth empowerment/engagement under various schemes of the Department is monitored through different indicators set out in the Output-Outcome Monitoring Framework developed by NITI Aayog.
