

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS)**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1771

TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017

Leadership Skills amongst Youth

1771. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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

(a) whether the ministry has any plans to devise campaigns targeted towards increasing leadership skills amongst the youth of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the programmes undertaken by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) aiming towards leadership development;

(d) whether the Government has plans to expand the model of RGNIYD throughout India and impart leadership development training to students of higher secondary level; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)}**

(a) Yes, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India, through the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD),

Sriperumbudur, has taken several initiatives and carried out certain targeted interventions towards increasing leadership skills among the youth of India.

(b)&(c) Details of the important initiatives and interventions taken by the RGNIYD are given in the enclosed Annexure.

(d) & (e) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) is a statutory institution incorporated under RGNIYD Act, 2012 (No. 35 of 2012). It imparts instructions for specified academic degrees. Besides, it conducts various training programme for NSS/NYKS officers and trainees in volunteerism. It has regional centre at Chandigarh.

Annexure

- (i) Academic programmes at Master's Degree level and Doctoral research in the spheres of 'Youth Development' were introduced and operated through the RGNIYD since the year 2008 and 2011 respectively. Presently, the Institute offers six PG programmes of two year duration viz., M.A. Development Policy and Practice, M.A. Gender Studies, M.A. Local Governance and Development, M.A. Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, M.A. Social Work and M.Sc. Counselling Psychology. These programmes are primarily aimed at developing a cadre of youth development professionals for the country to contribute in multiple ways to enhance the reach and extent of the initiatives and interventions towards leadership skills for youth empowerment.
- (ii) RGNIYD have been organizing number of Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes on youth leadership and personality development. These programmes are primarily aimed at building and capacity of NSS Programme Officers, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan functionaries and civil society functionaries working with and working for youth' to organize cascaded training for developing leadership skills among the youth. These programmes have been resulted in enhancing the capacity and effectiveness of those trained functionaries to organize cascaded training for extending the reach and extent of the programmes.
- (iii) RGNIYD has expressed our interest to organize 'Orientation Programmes on Empowering youth in Governance and Development' in the constituency of each Member of Parliament from Lok Sabha. The first programme in the series was recently conducted at Jammu during 10-12 December 2017 and the programme was attended by about 50 youth delegates from the MP's constituency.
- (iv) Towards accelerating and professionalizing the efforts for increasing leadership skills among the youth, the Executive Council of RGNIYD, in its recent meeting held at Sriperumbudur on 5 December 2017, decided to establish a 'Centre of Excellence in Political Leadership and Management' in its premises at Sriperumbudur. The Centre will be launching specific programmes aiming at developing the capacity of potential youth as future political leaders working from Panchayat to Parliament. A one-year professional programme is being designed to be launched in 2018. The Centre will also organize several short-term courses and thematic workshops in the areas like 'Geo-Spatial Technology for Governance and Development,' 'Constituency Management System for Political Leadership', etc.

- (v) A pilot initiative of 'Constituency Management System' was launched in the Sonawari Assembly Constituency of Jammu and Kashmir on 10 December 2017 by the Honourable Minister for Finance, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir. The system is visualized as an 'ICT-supported Spatial Decision Support System' with tremendous potentials to enhance the capacity and efficiency of emerging political leadership and vibrant citizenship, primarily targeting youth.**

- (vi) RGNIYD has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IIDEM, an organ of the Election Commission of India to promote voter education among youth. Voter awareness campaigns to inculcate the spirit of 'active citizenship' among the youth will be taken up at different parts of the country, through the NSS, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and other civil society organizations working with and working for youth across the country.**