

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.429
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.3.2018**

Development Fee in Navodaya Vidyalayas

*429. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
DR. MAMTAZ SANGHAMITA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to scrap the school development fee being introduced in Navodaya Vidyalayas of the country in near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.429 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT FEE IN NAVODAYA VIDYALAYAS

(a) to (c): No such proposal is under consideration. The students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) are being provided good quality modern education free of cost along with free boarding and lodging since its inception. Only a nominal fee of Rs. 200 per month per student is charged from the students of classes 9th to 12th in the form of Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi (VVN) with effect from July 2003. All girl students, students belonging to the SC/ST communities and boys belonging to the BPL families are exempt from paying this fee. Thus, the VVN is collected only from a very small percentage of students. VVN fund is being utilised for following activities in JNVs:

1. For expansion of Computer Education Programme and Information Technology.
2. For conducting Yoga Camps, Adventure Activities, Promotion of Sports etc.
3. For development of Hobby Centres and Junior Science Labs as part of Science Promotion activities.
4. For organising local excursion trips and cultural activities.
5. For promotion of NCC and Scouts & Guides activities.
6. For Safety, Security and Health care of the children.
7. Quality improvement programmes in academics/Pace Setting Activities.

With a view to providing better facilities to the students of the JNVs as well as for strengthening the security services, hygiene, sanitation and cleaning services etc., the VVN is being enhanced by NVS to Rs. 600 per month per student w.e.f. April, 2018. Students belonging to SC/ST communities, girl students and boys belonging to BPL families continue to be exempted from paying this fee. From those students whose parents are government employees, VVN would be charged at the rate of Rs. 1500 per month w.e.f. April 2018.
