

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2865**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MARCH, 2018/ PHALGUNA 22, 1939 (SAKA)

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

2865. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had recently organized Youth Exchange Programme-Watan Ko Jano Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme aims to give exposure to the youth and children of J&K on the cultural and socio-economic development taking place in other parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details regarding participants, collaborating agencies and expenditure incurred therein?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a) to (d): Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Jammu and Kashmir Affairs has been conducting “Watan Ko Jano” and other similar programmes with various agencies to expose the youth of J&K on the cultural and socio-economic development taking place in other parts of the country. The project is aimed at psychological rehabilitation of children affected by militancy so that they do not feel isolated and depressed. This year more than 3000 youths is being brought under this programme from the State of J&K to various parts of the country.

(e): In the current year 700 children are being brought by J&K State Rehabilitation to various parts of the country at a cost of Rs.1.42 crore. Another 1100 children are being brought by J&K Police at a cost of Rs.1.82 crore and around 1200 children are being brought by the CAPFs from different districts of J&K at a cost of Rs.2.54 crore.