

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3243
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018**

Nehru Yuva Kendra

**3243. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:
SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:**

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

- (a) the details of the functioning/ activities under the Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) in the country;**
- (b) the number of NYKs opened during the last five years, State/UT/location-wise;**
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Government for the said project during the said period;**
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed or proposes to review the performance of the NYKs and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to introduce any new policy for better functioning of the NYKs and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) The scheme of Nehru Yuvak Kendra in the country was started by Government of India in the year 1972. The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) came into existence in 1987 as an autonomous body under Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.**

The organisation's mandate is generation of Awareness; organization and mobilization of rural youth between the age group 15-29 years for developmental work in the villages, with emphasis on value, vision and volunteer action.

NYKS has a four-tier structure. At the helm of NYKS has a Board of Governors. The Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports is the ex-officio Chairperson of the Board of Governors. Director General is the executive head and is responsible for managing day to day affairs and activities of the Sangathan. There are 29 State Level Offices, the State Director, who is responsible for ensuring the policies and the programmes of the Sangathan are properly implemented in the field, heads each State Office.

A District Youth Coordinator heads the District Level Office called Nehru Yuva Kendra. His role is to spearhead the youth movement in the field. He/She is assisted by an Accounts Clerk – cum-Typist, an MTS and 8 to 10 National Youth Volunteers (NYVs) who are deployed as per the Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. This is the most important level where ideas are transformed into reality.

Under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate/District Collector, every District of the State has a District Advisory Committee on Youth Programmes (DACYP). The DACYP guides, supports and monitors the activities of the District Nehru Yuva Kendra. It deliberates on the Annual Action Plan Guidelines and approves it. The constitution of DACYP is such that major institutions and departments involved in district development are represented. This assist in developing functional linkages and harnessing resources for effective implementation of programmes. The DACYP further monitors the activities and provide necessary support to NYK in fulfilling the laid targets. Similarly, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports of the State has a State Advisory Committee on Youth Programmes (SACYP).

Activities of Nehru Yuva Kendra involves various fronts of youth development with a variety of programmes and schemes of the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. However, over a period, a paradigm shift in the utilization of the vast network of NYKS and its field units has commenced. Therefore, in

addition to its own core programmes, NYKS has been taking up programmes and schemes in convergence with various other Central Ministries, State Government Departments, United Nations Organizations and other agencies for the development and empowerment of youth. NYKs in a way are assisting other Ministries and Departments to utilize the vast outreach of NYKS and offer an opportunity to the youth to undertake development activities across the country. The youth associated with NYKs are not only socially aware, motivated but are also inclined towards social development work through voluntary efforts. NYKS activities remained focused both on economic and non-economic development and welfare activities including poverty alleviation, Swachh Bharat Mission, Yoga, facilitate construction of Toilets, popularize Pradhan Mantri National Flagship Schemes of Financial and Social Inclusion, plantation of saplings, blood donation, linking youth with skill development trainings, Shraamdan, Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao activities, prevention of HIV/AIDS, Drugs abuse and Alcoholism, Health and Family Welfare programmes, Celebration of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar, Promotion of Nationalism and Patriotism, Voters Awareness with involvement of Youth Clubs and village communities.

(b)&(c) NYKs has a presence in almost all the districts.

(d) Ministry has been reviewing the performance of NYKS from time to time. Most recently while finalizing the budget, it was reviewed. Besides, a third party evaluation has been conducted for appraisal of all the schemes implemented by NYKS.

(e) At present no new policy is being proposed.
