

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS)

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.585  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018

International Youth Exchange Programme

585. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU :

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

- (a) whether any prescribed procedure is followed for the selection of Indian Youth for participating in International Youth Exchange Program (IYEP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the role of Indian youth in the said program;
- (d) the details of funds allocated/utilised for the promotion of youth through such programmes during the last four years; and
- (e) the number of youth/students participated in such programmes during the said period, year and State-wise?

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ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)]

(a) and (b) Under the Youth Exchange Programme conducted by Department of Youth Affairs, nominations are sought from reputed institutions viz. IITs, IIMs, NITs through Ministry of Human Resource Development; AIIMS; Youth Organizations of Ministry viz. NSS (National Service Scheme), NYKS (Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan),

RGNIYD (Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development); National Youth Awardees etc. and also from other Premier Institutions concerning with the subject matter of the Programme which are further considered for various delegations.

After finalization of dates for exchange programmes with the partnering countries, the delegates for visit to a particular country is finalized after shortlisting names from the nominations received, depending upon the requirement of the Programme. These names are finalized with due approval of competent authority in the Department of Youth Affairs.

(c) Youth from India are sent to a few friendly countries and vice-versa under the "International Youth Exchange Programme" for promoting exchange of ideas, values and culture amongst the youth of different countries and also to develop International understanding. The objective of this programme is to create an International perspective in the youth and to involve them in promoting peace and understanding.

(d) & (e) the details of funds allocated/utilised for the promotion of youth and the number of youth/students participated in such programmes during last four years are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds allocated	Funds utilized	Indian youth sent to other countries
2014-15	280.00	280.00	118
2015-16	600.00	597.00	240
2016-17	850.00	724.00	356
2017-18	850.00	849.00	367
2018- till date	1130.00	474.00 (approx)	282

Since, the nominations are sought from different institutions / Organizations, no state-wise list of youth delegates is maintained.