

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Youth Affairs**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2219
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2022**

Strengthening of NYKS

2219. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is strengthening Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), which is having its presence in 623 districts in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof especially for Maharashtra;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to open more NYKS in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has provided any special funds to North-Eastern States for NYKS; and**
- (e) if so, the details of funds provided during the last three years?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a) & (b) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan(NYKS) is an autonomous body under the Ministry, established with the objective of providing rural youth avenues to take part in the process of nation building as well as providing opportunities for the development of their personality and skills. Strengthening of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan(NYKS) is an

ongoing process. NYKS at present has presence in 623 districts across the country including 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra out of its 36 districts. The core strength of NYKS lies in its network of youth clubs. Over the years, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has established a wide network of rural/urban youth clubs. It channelizes the power of youth on the principles of voluntarism, self-help and community participation. The youth have been given opportunity to participate in NYKS core programs like training on youth leadership & community development, Block and District level sports meet, information on basic vocations & soft skills, District level promotion of folk art, cultural programs & Yuva Kriti, District Youth Conventions, Declamation contests, Swachhata Awareness & Shramdaan, Training on clean village-green village and also to participate in adventure camps, National Integration Camps, Lifeskill Education, Inter-state Youth Exchange Programs(Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat) and Tribal Youth Exchange Program supported by Ministry of Home Affairs etc. These programs enable to enhance the leadership qualities of the youth and encourage them to participate in Nation building activities.

(c) There is no plan under consideration to open more NYKs in the country as of now.

(d) & (e) NYKS releases funds to all its State Offices including NE States for conduct of its regular program as per the Annual Action Plan. Funds for NE states are not earmarked separately.
