

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2958**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**FUNCTIONING OF JIM&WS**

2958. SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the functioning of Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM&WS) at Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) the details of courses offered by the Institute;
- (c) the details of the expansion plans of the Institute to make it functional round the year; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to have a role of local Member of Parliament in the functioning of the Institute?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

(a) Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter sports has been established for discharging the following functions:

- (i) To impart theoretical and practical training in mountaineering, rock climbing techniques and winter sports.
- (ii) To awaken interest in and love for mountains.
- (iii) To encourage and provide training in winter sports.

The aim of the Institute is to expose the youth to nature, kindling the spirit of adventure, character, courage, confidence and develop leadership quality through adventure sports without causing environmental degradation.

(b) JIMS&WS conducts the following mountaineering courses:

- (i) Basic and Advance Mountaineering Courses.
- (ii) Method of Instruction Courses.
- (iii) Adventure Courses.
- (iv) Basic/Intermediate/Advance Skiing Courses
- (v) Special Courses of short duration in Adventure and Skiing Courses.
- (vi) Rescue Courses for NDRF/SDRF/CRPF and ITBP.

The details of duration, course fee and capacity per batch are available on the website of the Institute i.e. [www.jawaharinstitutepahalgam.com](http://www.jawaharinstitutepahalgam.com)

(c) The Institute apart from its Headquarters at Pahalgam already has expanded its training centres at three other places viz., Sanasar (Patnitop), Baderwah(Doda) and Stok Village (Leh) for mountaineering courses. It has also established Adhoc training centres at Sonamarg and Gulmarg for Ski Courses.

The Institute conducts its Mountaineering Courses from April to October and Skiing Courses from January to March, every year. During the months of November and December, no courses can be conducted as per the authorised course schedule and due to extreme weather conditions.

(d) As per the Memorandum of Association and Constitution of the Institute, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri and the Chief Minister of the State (being amended now) are the President and Vice President of the Institute respectively.

The Institute is governed by the Executive Council consisting of senior officers both from the Central Government, Ministry of Defence and the Union Territory of J&K. The President of the Institute is authorised to nominate, in consultation with Vice President, not more than five members (non-official) from amongst the donors or those who are likely to promote the cause of the Institute.

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