

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

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 424
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2021**

National Service Scheme

***424. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:**

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

(a) the number of students engaged under National Service Scheme in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has proposed to increase the said number;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to help the students' holistic development and appreciating the diversity of the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI KIREN RIJIJU]**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF STARRED QUESTION No. 424 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2021 REGARDING NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME ASKED BY SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE.

(a) The number of students engaged under National Service Scheme in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise is as follows:

S. No.	Year	Number of Volunteers
1.	2017-18	327700
2.	2018-19	327700
3.	2019-20	327700

(b) No, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has not received any proposal from Govt. of Maharashtra to increase the said number.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Union Government helps the students through different ways for holistic development and appreciating the diversity of the country. The National Service Scheme programmes also include the celebration of national days, comprehensive programme on functional literacy, Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat, AIDS awareness programme and sustainable development with emphasis on watershed management & wasteland development, prevention of substance abuse etc. NSS Volunteers come forward with zeal to make these programmes a great success. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has organized 2nd edition of National Youth Parliament Festival 2021 from 24th December, 2020 to 5th January, 2021 at District and State Level through virtual mode and the finals at National level was organized on 11th & 12th January, 2021 at Central Hall, Parliament House, New Delhi. During COVID several activities were undertaken as shown in Annexure I.

Further, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India had instituted the National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards to recognize the voluntary service rendered by University/+2 Councils, Programme Officers and their NSS Units and NSS Volunteers. The details of these awards are given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 424 FOR 25.03.2021 ASKED BY SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE REGARDING NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

S. No.	Activities	Volunteers
1.	I-Got Registration	95,076
2.	Arogya Setu Aap Uploaded	4,58,351
3.	Mask Bank	27,51,154
4.	Prepared Mask	27,51,154
5.	Online webinar for NSS Functionaries	168
6.	Online Webinar for volunteers	861
7.	Meeting on Mental Health	120
8.	Review meeting with Programme Coordinator and Programme Officer	668

ANNEXURE-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 424 FOR 25.03.2021 ASKED BY SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE REGARDING NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

S. No.	Categories	No. of Awards	Value of Award
1	University/ +2 Council	2	<p>First Award: Rs.5,00,000/- (for NSS Programme Development) with a Trophy to the University/ +2 Council. A Certificate and a Silver Medal to the Programme Coordinator.</p> <p>Second Award: Rs.3,00,000 lakh (for NSS Programme Development) with a Trophy to the University/ +2 Council. A Certificate and a Silver Medal to the Programme Coordinator.</p>
2	NSS Units and their Programme Officers	10+10	<p>Rs.2,00,000/- to each NSS Unit (For NSS Programme Development), with a Trophy.</p> <p>Rs. 1,50,000/- to each Programme Officer with a Certificate and a Silver Medal.</p>
3	NSS Volunteers	30	Rs. 1,00,000/- to each Volunteer, with a Certificate and a Silver Medal.