

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3847
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021**

Strengthening of NCC and NSS

3847. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

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

(a) whether National Cadet Corps (NCC) and the National Service Scheme(NSS) have been playing a key role in empowering the youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the initiatives taken by the Government to encourage NCC and NSS students across India specially in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether there is any lack of synergy between NCC and NSS in empowering the youth and if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to revamp and strengthen NCC and the NSS and the outcome of the meeting convened for this purpose;

(d) the details of the role and responsibilities of the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to suggest way to reform and strengthen NCC and NSS and if so, the details along with the composition and mandate thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS) have been playing key role in empowering youth. The details of activities in respect of NCC and NSS are placed at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): There is no lack of synergy between NCC and NSS. A National Coordination Committee of all Youth Organisations (NCCYO) has been constituted. The details of the NCCYO is placed at Annexure-II.

(e) The details of initiatives to strengthen NCC and NSS are placed at Annexure-III.

**ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) and (B) OF THE
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BY SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA REGARDING STRENGTHENING OF NCC
AND NSS**

National Cadet Corps (NCC):-

NCC is providing Institutionalized Training and Social Service & Community Development Action Plan, laid down as part of its Training Curriculum. The details of the institutional training being carried out by NCC are as follows:-

- (i) Basic Military training.**
- (ii) National Integration and Awareness.**
- (iii) Personality Development & Leadership.**
- (iv) Social Service & Community Development impacting the larger section of society.**
- (v) Youth Exchange Programme at National & International Level**
- (vi) Health & Hygiene.**
- (vii) Adventure.**
- (viii) Environmental Awareness and Conservation.**

National Service Scheme (NSS):-

National Service Scheme (NSS) has been playing key role in empowering the youth through developing the personality and character of the student youth through voluntary community service. “Education through Service” is the purpose of the NSS. Very appropriately, the motto of NSS is “NOT ME, BUT YOU”. An NSS volunteer places the ‘community before ‘self’. NSS aims at developing the following qualities/ competencies among the volunteers:

- (i) To understand the community in which the NSS volunteers work and to understand themselves in relation to their community:**
- (ii) To identify the needs and problems of the community and involve themselves in problem-solving exercise:**
- (iii) To develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility:**

- (iv) To utilize their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems:
- (v) To gain skills in mobilizing community participation
- (vi) To acquire leadership qualities and democratic values:
- (vii) To develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters; and
- (viii) To practice national integration and social harmony.

As per the new initiative of expansion of NCC in Border & Coastal areas, State of Uttar Pradesh has been identified as one of the beneficiary states of this scheme. The number of institutes identified under this scheme is 125 and 11951 cadets from Uttar Pradesh will get benefited.

During the 2020-21, 307600 NSS Volunteers have been enrolled in the State of Uttar Pradesh who had undertaken various voluntary activities such as adoption of 468 villages, plantation of 101602 sapling, 390 units of Blood Donated, Pulse Polio immunization was given to 11342 children, 104256 Volunteers were trained in Self Defence Training.

Apart from above, the following activities relating to spread awareness of COVID-19 Pandemic were taken by the NSS volunteers in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

| S. No. | Activities | Number |
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| 1. | I- Got Registration | 53682 |
| 2. | Arogya Setu App Uploaded | 667070 |
| 3. | Mask Bank | 56 Districts |
| 4. | Prepared Mask | 715210 |
| 5. | Online Webinar for NSS Functionaries | 59 |
| 6. | Online Webinar for Volunteers | 297 |
| 7. | Meeting on Mental Health | 37 |
| 8. | Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat webinar | 89 |
| 9. | Participation of NSS Volunteers in Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat webinar | 13755 |

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 as follows:-

| 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. |

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. Ms. Mudita Mishra (Uttar Pradesh) was scored the 1st Position in the Nationals of National Youth Parliament Festival-2021.

**ANNEXURE-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) and (D) OF THE
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The composition of the Committee for achieving better coordination and synergy among the programmes of all youth organisations including NCC is as follows;

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| 1 | Secretary (Youth Affairs) | Chairman |
| 2 | Defence Secretary | Member |
| 3 | Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change | Member |
| 4 | Director General, NCC | Member |
| 5 | Director, NSS | Member |
| 6 | Secretary General, Indian Red Cross Society | Member |
| 7 | Chief National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides | Member |
| 8 | National Chief Commissioner, Hindustan Scouts and Guides | Member |
| 9 | Director General, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan | Member Secretary |

The Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Committee are as follows:

(i) To achieve better coordination and synergy among the programmes of all youth organisations.

(ii) To improve and strengthen the ongoing programmes as well as the structure of youth organisation through sharing of experience/best practices.

(iii) To channelize the energy/resources of all youth organisations towards mobilisation of youth for effective implementation of priority programmes/initiatives of the Government.

ANNEXURE-III REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (E) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3847 FOR 18.03.2021 ASKED BY SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA REGARDING STRENGTHENING OF NCC AND NSS

Large Number of initiatives have been taken by the MoD & NCC to strengthen NCC. These are as follows:-

- (i) Through the concerted efforts the selection percentage in Armed Forces for the year 2019/20 has gone up by approx 70%. 78 Officers and 6000 soldiers have been inducted in the three services last year. Induction of cadets into armed forces continues to be the focus areas of NCC.**
- (ii) HQ DGNCC has been taken up case through MoD with Home Ministry, Railway Ministry, Surface Transport Ministry and Civil Aviation Ministry to introduce incentives for NCC cadets in security related jobs. CAPFs and State Police, have already introduced incentives to NCC cadets, for recruitments.**
- (iii) Case has been taken up with MoD to explore the avenues for imparting technical skills and employment of the cadets in Defence PSUs.**
- (iv) The CSR guidelines for NCC have been prepared and fwd to MoD for necessary vetting and approval.**
- (v) All NCC State Dtes have been affiliated to respective Regional Commands of the three Armed Forces. All 825 NCC units have also been affiliated with Units of three Services. Additionally, coordination with 68 Army Training Institutions for conduct of NCC Training has been officially endorsed.**
- (vi) Digitisation of NCC is being executed in phases. A new website of NCC through NIC has been launched, as part of Phase 1 which includes Mobile Training App for cadets and Online Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Camps were conducted last year.**
- (vii) Fully Self Financed Scheme for one Lakh SD/SW cadets, has been sanctioned by MoD which will enable approximately 1000 private institutions to have NCC for their students.**

(viii) Acceptance of proposal to increase the Youth Exchange Programme to additional seven countries, has afforded an opportunity to 260 NCC cadets, to represent India at international forum.

(ix) Delegation of Financial powers to Group Commanders and Unit Cos has made the functioning of NCC more effective and conduct of training in a time bound manner.
