

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4872
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2021

Youth Development in India

4872. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

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

- (a) whether there is any plan for youth development in the country by the Government in view of the fact that India is a country of youths who are adding to its prestige on the basis of their own talent and merit across the world and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the name of the institutions and organisations which are working in the country for youth development, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the status of RGNYS Sriperambudur, N.Y.K.S., N.S.S., N.C.C. in the country and the number of youths able to accommodate thereunder; and
- (d) whether the condition of above is satisfactory?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Government has a National Youth Policy, 2014, which provides a holistic vision for the youth of India which is to “empower the youth of the country to achieve their full potential, and through them enable India to find its rightful place in the community of nations”.

(b) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Service Scheme (NSS) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) are the institutions and organisations under the administrative control of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports which are

working in the country for youth development. NYKS and NSS have their presence across the country. RGNIYD Institute is situated in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu and also has regional centre at Chandigarh.

(c) (I) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS):

- NYKS launched in 1972 and become an autonomous body in 1987 under Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. It is one of the largest Youth Organization in the world. The areas of focus of the NYKS activities include education, health and sanitation, environment, awareness on social issues, women empowerment, civic education, disaster relief and rehabilitation, etc. The youth associated with NYKs are not only socially aware and motivated but are also inclined towards social development work through voluntary efforts.
- NYKS has presence in 623 Districts through Nehru Yuva Kendras. At present there are 2.50 Lakh Youth Clubs with Membership of 49.90 Lakh youth across the country.

(II) National Service Scheme (NSS): National Service Scheme was established in 1969 with the primary objective of developing the personality and character development of the student youth through voluntary Services, Education through services is the purpose of NSS. There is one Directorate of NSS situated in New Delhi and 15 Regional Directorates of NSS situated across the country. At present there are 36 lakhs NSS Volunteers across the country.

(III) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD):

- RGNIYD is an institution of National Importance by Act of Parliament No.35/2012.
- RGNIYD functions as a vital resource centre with its multi-faceted functions of offering academic programmes at Post Graduate level encompassing various dimensions of youth development, engaging in seminal research in the vital areas of youth development and conducting Training/Capacity Building Programmes in the area of youth development.
- Annually about 700 students and 3000 youth are trained by RGNIYD.

(IV) National Cadet Corps (NCC):

- National Cadet Corps (NCC) is the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces.
- The total sanctioned strength of NCC is approximately 15 lakhs. NCC has been playing an important role in empowering youth through its Institutionalized Training, Social Service & Community Development.
- The NCC aims at developing character, comradeship, discipline, a secular outlook the spirit.

(d) Yes, Sir.
