

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2113
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

Commonwealth Youth Program

2113 Dr. Alok Kumar Suman:

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

(a) whether the Government runs any programme named as Commonwealth Youth Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the procedure of selection;

**(c) the key features and organizational structure regarding the same;
and**

(d) the name of countries which are associated with the aforesaid programme?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) No, Sir, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports does not run any programme named as Commonwealth Youth Program. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports regularly participates in various Commonwealth youth related events such as Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Meeting (CYMM) and Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Taskforce Meeting (CYMTF). Detailed note in this regard is enclosed at Annexure.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of reply to point (a) above.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2113 REGARDING COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAM

The Commonwealth Secretariat's youth development work is delivered through the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), which aims to empower young people across Commonwealth nations by promoting their participation in development and decision-making processes. Central to this programme is the Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Meeting (CYMM), a formal gathering of youth ministers from member countries to discuss policies affecting young people.

2. Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Taskforce Meeting (CYMTF) was established as an outcome of the 9th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting. It monitors the progress on the mandates of Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), related to youth development and the commitments made at Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Meeting. It then provides advice and strategic direction on its implementation.

3. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has been regularly participating in Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Meeting (CYMM) and Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Taskforce Meeting (CYMTF), as per the recommendation of Ministry of External Affairs. In the financial year 2023-24, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports participated in the 7th Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Task Force Meeting held virtually on 7th August, 2023 and the 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministerial Taskforce Meeting held from 11th to 15th September, 2023 in London, United Kingdom.
