

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 10  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

**National Youth Festival, 2025**

**\*10. SHRI ALOK SHARMA:  
SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI:**

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

- a) the details of steps taken by the Government to ensure participation of marginalized communities, youth from remote areas and Divyang people in the National Youth Festival;**
- b) whether the Government has implemented a hybrid model for the National Youth Festival, 2025 by allowing virtual participation to ensure wider engagement;**
- c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- d) the details of the arrangements made by the Government to organize the said Festival on a large scale in each State and particularly in Sidhi and Singrauli districts of the Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency?**

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA]**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 10 FOR REPLY ON 03.02.2025 ASKED BY SHRI ALOK SHARMA AND SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI REGARDING NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL, 2025.**

- a) **National Youth Festival (NYF) is one of the major programmes of National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD) Scheme. This year, NYF had been restructured and called Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD). VBYLD-2025 was an effort to broaden the NYF platform and engage with youth more intensively. It was an effort to align with the Prime Minister's Independence Day vision of engaging 1 lakh youth in public affairs, providing them with a national platform to create a meaningful sphere of national development and leadership for a developed India. In the dialogue, youth were encouraged to write about various aspects of Viksit Bharat. The dialogue encouraged them to dream big and work towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.**

**VBYLD-2025 brought together 30 lakh motivated youth nationwide; a total of around 2500 dynamic youth have been selected to participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025, through a merit-based, multi-stage process, representing India's most vibrant demographic of youth aged 15-29. The presentations emerging out of the dialogue were made before Hon'ble Prime Minister himself. The VBYLD-2025 emerged as a landmark event, fostering the next generation of leaders, innovators and thinkers who will drive India's growth.**

**A total of around 2500 youth including selected participants of Viksit Bharat Track and Traditional Track, young innovators, volunteers, etc. became part of VBYLD 2025. Additionally, over 6 Crore youth and others witnessed the event through various social media platforms.**

- b) **Yes, the National Youth Festival, 2025 was conducted in hybrid mode.**

- c) Viksit Bharat Challenge, a four-stage competition was conducted for the participation of Youth in the National Youth Festival. First two stages of the Viksit Bharat Challenge i.e. Stage 1: Viksit Bharat Quiz which was held from 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and Stage 2: Viksit Bharat Essay Challenge held from 10<sup>th</sup> December to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were conducted through the MyGov Portal (virtual mode). Later two stages of the Viksit Bharat Challenge i.e. Stage 3: Viksit Bharat PPT Challenge, State level held from 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and Stage 4: Viksit Bharat Championship at National Youth Festival held from 10<sup>th</sup> January to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were conducted in physical mode. In addition to this, physical participations were also facilitated from various States/UTs selected through State Youth Festivals. Youth from different States and Union Territories participated in various traditional track events as well as Viksit Bharat Challenge. More than 3 Crore youth and others engaged themselves through various social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram during Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue.**
- d) Multiple Steps had been taken by Government to organize the National Youth Festival on a large scale across the country including Sidhi and Singrauli districts are as under:**
- I. National Youth Festival, 2025: Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue had 2 tracks namely, Viksit Bharat Challenge and Traditional Track.**
  - II. Viksit Bharat Challenge included four stages:**
    - i. Stage I: The Viksit Bharat Quiz, a nationwide online event in 12 languages, tested knowledge of India's achievements, attracting nearly 30 lakh participants.**
    - ii. Stage II: The Viksit Bharat Essay, where qualified participants submitted essays on key themes aligned with "Viksit Bharat 2047".**
    - iii. Stage III: The Viksit Bharat State Championship Challenge, where around 9000 youth participated and presented their ideas through PowerPoint presentations, which were**

**evaluated by leadership moderators for their ability to lead and collaborate.**

**iv. Stage IV: The Viksit Bharat National Championship at Bharat Mandapam wherein 10 teams presented their ideas based on 10 key themes before the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

**III. Under traditional track, as a run up to the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, District and State Youth Festivals were organized in various States/ UTs. Various competitions like Group Folk Dance, Group Folk Song, Science Mela, Poetry, Story Writing, Painting, Declamation, etc. were conducted at district and winners were selected to perform in the State Youth Festival. Further, winners of State Youth Festival were selected to perform at National level at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.**

**IV. As per the structure of the event, district level youth festival was organized at District Sidhi from 23<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and at District Singrauli on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The programme was organized under the collective efforts of Sports and Youth Welfare Department of Madhya Pradesh, Nehru Yuva Kendra, National Service Scheme and with the cooperation of Education Department.**

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