

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3724
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

Objective of Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme

3724. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA CHANDU BARNE:

SHRI LUMBA RAM CHAUDHARY:

SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:

SMT. ROOPKUMARI CHOUDHARY:

SMT. BHARTI PARDHI:

SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

SHRI MADHAVANENI RAGHUNANDAN RAO:

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

(a) the details of main objectives of the Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme being organized across the Country along with the objectives which are aligned with border national goals;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of said Youth Programmes in various States, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the manner in which the said impact is being assessed;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the participation of youth from disadvantaged and rural backgrounds in such initiatives, particularly from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Amroha Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether any skill development or employment opportunities are likely to be generated for the participants as a follow-up to such cultural exchange programmes, skill development and civic engagement across various States;

(f) if so, the role likely to be played by Non-Governmental Organisations in this regard; and

(g) the manner in which the activities designed to promote understanding and respect among youth from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds?

ANSWER

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

(a) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. Inter-State Youth Exchange programme (ISYEP) is part of NYKS core programmes under Annual Action Plan 2024-25. As part of this programme, 25 participants along with 02 escorts from one state take part in another (host) state in each programme. The objectives of the programme are to celebrate the unity in diversity of our nation and to maintain and strengthen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonding among the people of our country, promote the spirit of National Integration through a deep and structured engagement among all Indian States & Union Territories, showcase the rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of either state for enabling people to understand and appreciate the diversity of the country, establish long term engagement and create an environment which promotes learning between states by sharing best practices & experiences, familiarization with the environment, family life, social customs, etc. of the people living in the paired States and to inculcate feeling of communal harmony among the youth.

(b) & (c) In all Inter-State Youth Exchange programmes including the programme in Uttar Pradesh, there is a structured feedback mechanism, where feedback and suggestions of the participants are obtained, through a prescribed proforma, after completion of the programme.

(d) Participants of the Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme including programme in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Amroha Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh are drawn from another state (paired/guest state) and participation of youth from all walks of life is encouraged.

(e) While skill development and employment are not the primary focus of such programmes, the cultural exchange programmes play a key

role in fostering youth engagement in community development and civic participation. Through initiatives like cultural exchange programs and active involvement in local projects, participants gain valuable experiences that enhance their social awareness, leadership skills, and ability to contribute meaningfully to society. These activities create opportunities for personal growth and empower youth to take on roles in their communities.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply to (e) above.

(g) The activities of the Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme are designed to foster understanding and mutual respect among youth. Key activities include Work Camp/Shramdaan, language learning of paired states, cultural exchange, exploration of regional cuisine and culinary traditions, and interactions with local families and youths.
