

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3861
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

Implement the Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme to Jharkhand

3861. Shri Bidyut Baran Mahato:

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

(a) whether the Government has any plans to implement the Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme to Jharkhand to promote greater cultural integration and understanding among the youth of the region;

(b) the details of steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the Kashmiri youth participating in the exchange programme are provided with adequate educational, social and economic support during their stay in Jharkhand;

(c) whether any evaluation or assessment has been conducted on the impact of such a programme in strengthening the relationship between the youth of Kashmir and Jharkhand; and

(d) if so, the details of the findings along with the proposed actions for future initiatives?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Government implements the Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme to promote greater cultural integration and understanding through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. During the FY 2024-25, two Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme were organized in the State of Jharkhand (one each in Jamshedpur and Dhanbad).

(b) Following facilities are provided to the Kashmiri Youth Exchange programme participants during their stay in Jharkhand:

- **Boarding & Lodging Facilities are provided at the Venue District.**
- **Medical Assistance**
- **Resource Kit/Bag**
- **Various classroom sessions related to employment and education opportunities such as Career Counselling, Skill development, visit to Educational institutions, industrial visits are organized during the program.**
- **The program provides exposure to Kashmiri youth to the technological and industrial advancement that have taken place in parts of the country with focus on various developmental activities, skill development, educational & employment opportunities available there.**

During the Programme in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, the participants visited NIT Jamshedpur, Karim City College, JRD Tata Sports Complex, Tata Zoological Park, Russi Mody Center of Excellence, and Jubilee Park. Whereas the participants of Dhanbad, Jharkhand visited IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Bharat Coking Coal Limited, Binod Bihari Mahto Koylanchal University, Topchanchi Lake and Maithon Dam.

(c) & (d) The feedback of the participants of Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme is taken after the completion of each program. Such feedback was also taken for the Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme held in Jharkhand. The participants in their feedback form mentioned that the KYEP programme significantly enriched their knowledge about the place visited as well as their culture, economy and social structure, cultural understanding. It gave them deeper insight into the local traditions, festivals and art forms of the region. Some participants suggested that Cultural Performance and field visit should be increased. While some were of the opinion that six days were insufficient to fully immerse in the exchange experience. Participants expressed a desire for more cultural exchange activities, including traditional dance, music performances, and folk storytelling sessions.
