

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025**

Youth Skill Development Initiatives in Bardhaman-Durgapur

163. Shri Azad Kirti Jha:

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

- (a) the number of functional district-level Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) in Bardhaman-Durgapur, including sanctioned and filled staff posts;**
- (b) the details and impact of youth engagement activities such as Youth Parliament and Yuva Utsav conducted from 2022 to 2025, with particular emphasis on the participation from tribal and marginalized youth;**
- (c) whether new coverage expansions for NYKs in underserved peri-urban and rural blocks of Bardhaman Durgapur are planned and if so, the expected timelines; and**
- (d) the status of skill development missions in Bardhaman-Durgapur including the flagship State scheme “Utkarsh Bangla” and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY 4.0), particularly the numbers of training centres, candidates trained, placement rates and employer linkages?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are two functional district-level MY Bharat Kendras (erstwhile Nehru Yuva Kendras) in Bardhaman-Durgapur viz. Purba Bardhaman and Paschim Bardhaman-Durgapur and the details of sanctioned and filled posts in these two Kendras is as under:**

S. N.	Name of MY Bharat District Kendra	Designation	No of posts sanctioned	No. of posts filled as on 25.11.2025
1.	Purba Bardhaman	District Youth Officer (DYO)	01	01
		Accounts and Programme Assistant (APA)	01	00
		Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS)	01	01
2.	Paschim Bardhaman - Durgapur	District Youth Officer (DYO)	01	01
		Accounts and Programme Assistant (APA)	01	00
		Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS)	01	01
	Total		06	04

(b) MY Bharat has undertaken various youth engagement initiatives- such as Neighbourhood Youth Parliament, National Youth Parliament Festival/Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament, and Yuva Utsav-to empower young people and promote their active participation in nation-building activities. Youth from all sections of society, including tribal and marginalized communities, have participated in these programmes.

Neighbourhood Youth Parliament aims to provide an institutional platform for youth to articulate their views on issues affecting their lives, engage in discussions on socio-economic and developmental matters, and share ideas on community development and social welfare.

National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF)/Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament: From 2024–25 onwards, NYPF has been reimagined as the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament, aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. The program seeks to encourage youth to engage with public issues, develop informed opinions, express themselves effectively, and participate in democratic deliberations at the district, state, and national levels.

Yuva Utsav aims to promote the values of India's freedom struggle and celebrate the nation's spiritual and cultural heritage. It includes five components-Painting, Poem Writing, Photography, Declamation, and Cultural Festival-organized with focus on the Panch Pran.

The details of the youth engagement activities conducted from 2022 to 2025 is placed at Annexure-A.

(c) At present, there is no proposal for expansion of MY Bharat Kendras in underserved peri-urban or rural blocks of Bardhaman–Durgapur.

(d) PMKVY 4.0 is the latest version of the PMKVY Scheme under implementation since FY 22-23. It is imparting skill development training through Short-Term Training (STT) and up-skilling and re-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country including West Bengal with aim to enhance the employability of the youth to access employment opportunities by equipping them with industry relevant skills. The details of candidates trained/ oriented alongwith empanelled Training Centres in Purba Bardhaman and Paschim Bardhaman (covering Durgapur) under PMKVY 4.0 as on 31.10.2025 is as under:

District	Number of Training Centers	No. of candidates trained / Oriented
Paschim Bardhaman	10	1,218
Purba Bardhaman	19	4,291

Under the PMKVY scheme, placements were tracked in the Short-Term Training (STT) component in the first three versions of the PMKVY Scheme which is PMKVY 1.0, PMKVY 2.0 and PMKVY 3.0 implemented from FY 2015-16 to FY 2021-22. Under PMKVY 4.0, the focus was to empower our trained candidates to choose their varied career path and they are suitably oriented for the same. Moreover On-Job-Training is an integral part of all skilling programs under PMKVY which helps candidates to get trained in real industry setup and subsequently choose their career pathways.

ANNEXURE-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (b) OF REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 163 FOR 01.12.2025 ASKED BY SHRI AZAD KIRTI JHA REGARDING YOUTH SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN BARDHAMAN-DURGAPUR

Details of the youth engagement activities such as Neighbourhood Youth Parliament, National Youth Parliament and Yuva Utsav conducted from 2022 to 2025:

a) Neighbourhood Youth Parliament:

	District	Purba Bardhaman		Paschim Bardhaman - Durgapur	
S. No.	F.Y.	No. of programmes	No. of participants	No. of programmes	No. of participants
1	2022-23	1	1890	1	646
2	2023-24	1	1964	1	644
3	2024-25	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

b) Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament/ National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF):

	District	Purba Bardhaman		Paschim Bardhaman - Durgapur	
S. No.	F.Y.	No. of programmes	No. of participants	No. of programmes	No. of participants
1	2022-23	*	11	*	12
2	2023-24	*	10	*	10
3	2024-25	1	106	1	133

*Programme held in virtual mode.

**From, 2024-25 NYPF has been reimagined as the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament, aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

c) Yuva Utsav:

	District	Purba Bardhaman		Paschim Bardhaman - Durgapur	
S. No.	F.Y.	No. of programmes	No. of participants	No. of programmes	No. of participants
1	2022-23	1	307	1	303
2	2023-24	1	202	1	296
3	2024-25	1	307	1	518