

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Youth Affairs**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †283
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2026**

Nehru Yuva Kendras in Maharashtra

†283. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

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

- (a) the present number of operational district Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) in Maharashtra including the details of sanctioned, filled and vacant posts, district-wise;**
- (b) the number and outcomes of the Neighbourhood Youth Parliament and Youth Festival programmes organized in Maharashtra from 2022-23 till now, including details of participation from aspirational and tribal districts; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend the reach of NYKs in deprived blocks and semi-urban/slum areas in Maharashtra and if so, the details of the timeline and targets set for the same?**

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

- (a) At present, there are 34 MY Bharat Kendras (formerly known as Nehru Yuva Kendras) in the State of Maharashtra. The details of sanctioned, filled and vacant posts, district-wise in MY Bharat Kendras operational in the state of Maharashtra is placed at Annexure-1.**
- (b) The number of the Neighbourhood Youth Parliament (NYP) and Youth Festival programmes organized in Maharashtra including aspirational and tribal districts from 2022-23 till now is as follows:**

(i) Neighbourhood Youth Parliament (NYP) Programmes:

S. No.	Name of Programme	2022-23		2023-24	
1.	Neighbourhood Youth Parliament	No. of Programme organised	Total Participation	No. of Programme organised	Total Participation
	Total	36	31346	34	27285

*** Neighbourhood Youth Parliament (NYP) has not been organised during FY 2024-25.**

(ii) Youth Festival Programmes:

S. No.	Name of Programme	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
		No. of Prog. organised	Total Participation	No. of Prog. organised	Total Participation	No. of Prog. organised	Total Participation
1.	District Level Yuva Utsav	16	4298	20	4398	35	8861
2.	National Level Youth Festival	-		1	7,500		

***The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated the 27th National Youth Festival at Nashik, Maharashtra during 2023-24. While addressing a large gathering, the Prime Minister highlighted the central role of Yuva Shakti in nation-building during the Amrit Kaal. He urged young Indians to lead India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047 through duty, innovation, and democratic participation. The different programmes organised under National Youth Festival witnessed participation of approximately 7,500 youth and officials from various States and Union Territories. Additionally, the festival venues recorded an average daily footfall of around 10,000 visitors, indicative of wide public engagement.**

The Neighbourhood Youth Parliament resulted in enhanced youth engagement by providing a structured platform for young people to articulate their views on social, economic, and governance-related issues and to bring local concerns to the attention of the administration. It improved youth awareness and understanding of contemporary socio-economic development issues at local and global levels through debates and discussions. The initiative encouraged active participation in democratic processes by fostering dialogue, critical thinking, and civic engagement. It also enabled interaction with public representatives, PRIs, development partners, service providers, village communities, and local administration, while strengthening communication, leadership, and public-speaking skills among participating youth.

The Youth Festival, now reimagined as Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD), achieved outcomes in terms of increased youth engagement by offering a national platform for interaction and participation through youth conventions, cultural and literary competitions, Suvichaar sessions, Yuva Kriti (youth exhibition), food festivals, youth expo, and adventure activities. Collectively, these activities contributed to the development of leadership qualities, creativity, cultural exchange, and greater awareness among youth on national development-related issues.

(c) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.

ANNEXURE-1

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. †283 FOR 02.02.2026 ASKED BY SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR REGARDING NEHRU YUVA KENDRAS IN MAHARASHTRA

Details of sanctioned, filled and vacant posts, district-wise in MY Bharat Kendras operational in the state of Maharashtra:

S.N	Name of operational district MY Bharat Kendras in Maharashtra	Sanctioned Posts	Filled Posts	Vacant Posts
1	Ahmednagar	3	2	1
2	Akola	3	2	1
3	Alibag (Raigad)	3	1	2
4	Amravati	3	2	1
5	Aurangabad	3	1	2
6	Beed	3	1	2
7	Bhandara	3	2	1
8	Buldhana	3	0	3
9	Chandrapur	3	2	1
10	Dhule	3	1	2
11	Gadchiroli	3	0	3
12	Gondiya	3	2	1
13	Hingoli	3	0	3
14	Jalgaon	3	1	2
15	Jalna	3	1	2
16	Kolhapur	3	1	2
17	Latur	3	3	0
18	Mumbai (Kal)	3	2	1
19	Nagpur	3	2	1
20	Nanded	3	1	2
21	Nandurbar	3	1	2
22	Nashik	3	2	1
23	Osmanabad	3	0	3
24	Parbhani	3	1	2
25	Pune	3	3	0
26	Ratnagiri	3	1	2
27	Sangli	3	1	2
28	Satara	3	1	2
29	Sindhudurg	3	2	1
30	Solapur	3	1	2
31	Thane	3	3	0
32	Wardha	3	2	1
33	Washim	3	0	3
34	Yavatmal	3	2	1
Total		102	47	55
