

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3688  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.3.2026**

**NSS Impact on Youth Development**

**3688. DR INDRA HANG SUBBA:**

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

**(a) the number of students engaged under National Service Scheme (NSS) across the country during the last three years and the current year;**

**(b) the number of students engaged in Sikkim during the said period, year-wise;**

**(c) whether the funds allocated for the programmes under NSS is being allocated in proportionate to the number of participants and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to help the students' holistic development and appreciating the diversity of the country; and**

**(e) whether the Government have any mechanism to evaluate the impact of NSS programmes in the society and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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

**(a) the number of students engaged under National Service Scheme (NSS) across the country during the last three years and the current year are as follows:**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Number of Student engaged across country</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>38,57,364</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>38,49,847</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>38,74,162</b>
<b>2025-26</b>	<b>38,81,256</b>

**(b) The number of students engaged in Sikkim during the said period, year-wise are as follows :**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Number of Student Engaged in Sikkim</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>16400</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>16400</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>16400</b>
<b>2025-26</b>	<b>16400</b>

**(c) Yes, the fund allocated for the programmes under NSS is being allocated in proportionate to the number of participants. NSS Grants are sanctioned @Rs.400 per volunteer per year for Regular Camping Activities and @Rs.700 per volunteer per year (for 50% of NSS strength) for Special Camping Activities as approved by DoE' OM dated 08.09.2021.**

**(d) The Government, through the National Service Scheme (NSS), undertakes various initiatives to promote the holistic development of youth and to foster appreciation of the country's diversity. These include:**

- 1. Community Service and Social Engagement: NSS volunteers participate in activities such as health and sanitation drives, environmental conservation, literacy campaigns, disaster management, and rural development, which help inculcate social responsibility, leadership, and empathy.**

- 2. Special Camping Programmes: NSS organizes seven-day special camps in adopted villages and urban communities, where volunteers engage in intensive community development activities and gain exposure to grassroots realities.**
- 3. In the NE Region, the North East NSS Festival is organized every year to bring together NSS volunteers from different North Eastern States. The festival provides a platform for cultural exchange, youth interaction, and sharing of best practices in community service, thereby strengthening the spirit of national integration and mutual understanding among the youth**
- 4. National Integration and Youth Exchange Programmes: Programmes such as National Integration Camps (NICs), North East Youth Festivals bring together volunteers from different States and Union Territories, promoting mutual understanding, cultural exchange, and national unity.**
- 5. Skill Development and Capacity Building: NSS conducts orientation programmes, leadership training, personality development sessions, and workshops that enhance the life skills, communication abilities, and civic awareness of student volunteers.**
- 6. Observance of National and International Days: NSS units actively participate in events such as International Yoga Day, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Fit India Movement, and International Women's Day, helping students understand social issues and participate in nation-building activities.**

**Through these initiatives, NSS aims to develop the personality and character of student youth through voluntary community service and to strengthen the spirit of national integration.**

**(e) Yes, the Government has mechanisms in place to monitor and evaluate the implementation and impact of NSS programmes. These include:**

- 1. Periodic Reporting System: NSS units submit regular activity reports through their respective Programme Officers to the State NSS Cells and Regional Directorates, which review the progress and outcomes of programmes.**
- 2. Monitoring by Regional Directorates: Regional Directorates of NSS conduct field visits, inspections, and review meetings with universities, colleges, and State NSS Cells to assess the implementation and impact of NSS activities.**
- 3. Programme Reviews and Evaluations: The Ministry periodically conducts review meetings, evaluation studies, and consultations with stakeholders, including universities and experts, to assess the effectiveness of NSS programmes.**
- 4. Documentation of Best Practices: Successful initiatives and innovative activities undertaken by NSS units are documented and shared to encourage replication and enhance programme impact.**
- 5. Awards and Recognition: The National Service Scheme Awards at the National, State, and University levels also serve as a mechanism to recognize impactful work and promote quality implementation of NSS activities.**

**These mechanisms help ensure accountability, effective implementation, and continuous improvement of NSS programmes while assessing their contribution to community development and youth engagement.**

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