

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 8
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2026**

NYV Scheme and NYKS Programmes in Himachal Pradesh

8. MS KANGNA RANAUT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the long-term outcomes of programmes under the National Youth Volunteers (NYV) Scheme and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) in Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the key findings regarding their impact on youth participation, skills and community engagement;**
- (c) the details of number of volunteers who secured employment, pursued higher education or took up leadership roles thereafter;**
- (d) whether any third-party evaluation has been conducted; and**
- (e) if so, the details of its findings and action taken thereon?**

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

(a) & (b) The National Youth Corps (NYC) Scheme aims to engage disciplined and dedicated youth volunteers in nation-building activities while providing them opportunities for personality development, skill enhancement, community engagement and exposure to public service. MY Bharat (erstwhile NYKS) implements various youth development and community service programmes across the country, including Himachal Pradesh.

The Ministry periodically reviews the implementation of the Scheme through reports submitted by MY Bharat, review meetings and monitoring mechanisms. Apart from these, the third-party evaluation of the schemes is done at regular frequency.

The volunteers under NYC Scheme have played an important role in mobilizing youth, strengthening Youth Clubs and Mahila Mandals, disseminating information on Government programmes, and supporting awareness campaigns on health, education, environment and other flagship initiatives, thereby promoting active youth participation at the grassroots level.

The programmes under MY Bharat (erstwhile NYKS) have contributed to promote youth participation in community development and nation-building activities, while enhancing leadership qualities, communication skills, teamwork, social responsibility and community engagement among youth.

(c) The primary aim of the National Youth Corps (NYC) scheme is to empower young men and women to serve up to two years in nation-building activities while developing their leadership qualities and facilitating social and economic development.

The NYC Scheme does not maintain a centralized database regarding the employment, higher education or leadership positions attained by volunteers after completion of their tenure. However, volunteers who complete their tenures are advised to get involved in community development/social service activities at their own level using the acquired leadership qualities.

(d) & (e) Yes, a Third Party Evaluation of the Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK), involving the evaluation of its sub-schemes including National Youth Corps (NYC), has been carried out during FY 2025-26 by the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi.

The evaluation records that volunteers under the NYC Scheme play a significant role in the grassroots implementation of flagship government programmes, including Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, plantation drives and health and road-safety campaigns. Volunteers contributed during emergencies such as floods and the COVID-19 pandemic, and functioned as a link between Youth Clubs, MY Bharat and district administration, strengthening institutional linkages and community trust.

The report suggests the increase in sanctioned strength for better outreach and recommends that the honorarium be increased to a reasonable amount, ensuring that volunteers are adequately compensated for their workload and encouraged to perform their duties effectively at the grassroots level. The suggestions of the third-party evaluation, to the extent possible, has been incorporated in the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) Memorandum for the 16th Finance Commission cycle.
