Government of India Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3540 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025

Youth Development Programme

3540. Shri Captain Brijesh Chowta:

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

- (a) the details of youth development programmes initiated in Dakshina Kannada under the National Youth Policy;
- (b) whether the Government plans to establish a National Youth Center or leadership training institute in Dakshina Kannada and if so, the details thereof:
- (c) the measures taken to encourage youth participation in community-building and nation building activities in the region; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated for youth welfare programmes in Karnataka, particularly in Dakshina Kannada, under the Budget 2025-26?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) The National Youth Policy 2014 (NYP 2014) is a 'vision' document for the development of the youth of India. The vision of the NYP 2014 is "To empower youth of the country to achieve their full potential, and through them enable India to find its rightful place in the community of nations".

The policy lays down five well thought out objectives and 11 priority areas, namely, Education, Employment and Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Health and Healthy Lifestyle, Sports, Promotion of Social Values, Community Engagement, Participation in politics and governance, Youth engagement, Inclusion and Social Justice.

The Policy is being implemented with the collective responsibility and efforts of all concerned Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments as well as other stakeholders. Although, there is no scheme/programme under the NYP 2014, it is a guiding document for a number of Central Ministries/ Departments, including the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, which have implemented/ are implementing schemes/ programmes having bearing on development and empowerment of youth in the 11 specified priority areas. The Department of Youth Affairs is playing the coordinating/ facilitating role, for implementation of the Policy, for development and empowerment of youth.

- (b) As of now, the Department has not proposed or planned setting up any National Youth Centre or leadership development institute in Dakshina Kannada.
- (c) The Department of Youth Affairs through the network of Youth Volunteers of My Bharat, an autonomous body under the Department and NSS implement various Schemes to promote the youth participation in community building and nation building activities throughout the country including Dakshina Kannada. MY Bharat reaches out to the younger generation for their empowerment and civic engagement, interalia, in Dakshina Kannada through its various programmes and interventions.

The youth development programmes conducted by MY Bharat in Dakshina Kannada during Financial Year 2024-25:

Observance of Days of National and International Importance, Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign, Coastal Cleanliness Drive, "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, Awareness and Education Programme on Drug-Addiction and Substance Abuse, District Level Yuva Utsav, Cluster of Block Sports Meet, Distribution of Sports Kit, District Level Sports Meet, National Road Safety Campaign, Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament at District Level, Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, Fit India Swachhta Run 5.0

The youth development programmes conducted by MY Bharat in Dakshina Kannada during Financial Year 2025-26:

MY Bharat Yuva Mandal Vikas Abhiyan, Cluster of Blocks Level Sports Meet, Distribution of Sports Material to Active Youth Clubs, Viksit Bharat Yuva Utsav (District Level), Workshop on Flagship Schemes, Observance of Days of National and International Importance, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Campaign, Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign, Future Youth Leaders Bootcamp.

In addition, the details of youth development programmes conducted in Dakshina Kannada by National Service Scheme(NSS)

- No. of Colleges having NSS in the Dakshina Kannada region: 160
- No. of Schools having NSS in the Dakshina Kannada region: 78
- No. of NSS Units in the Dakshina Kannada region: 348
- No. of NSS Volunteers in the Dakshina Kannada region: 34800

Annual NSS Grant for the Region(in Rs.)

- a. Regular activities-1,56,60,000/-
- **b. Special activities-1,21,80,000/-**

Special NSS programmes in the region by Government of India during the last 5 years:

- a. International Conference ICON YOUTH 2025 (20 States & 500 Participants) was organized at Mangalore, Karnataka
- b. Blood donation Camp- 732
- c. Saplings Planted 1128
- d. Health and Eye checkup 87
- e. Cancer Screening camp 13
- f. Awareness programmes 549
- g. Water bodies cleaning 112
- h. Swachhata activity 1988
- i. MY Bharat outreach programme 42
- j. Pulse Polio Immunization 2238
- (d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports release funds schemewise not State/UT-wise. However, NSS releases fund to States/UTs as per number of allocated volunteers. At present the total volunteer strength of Karnataka is 3,21,000. The amount per volunteer is Rs.750/. Therefore, the total fund allocated is Rs.24,07,50,000/- (3,21,000*750).

Under MY Bharat (an Autonomous body under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India) the allocation of fund is made proportionately on the basis of number of district kendras in particular state and number of blocks covered under the kendras. For the financial year 2025-26, the total funds allocated for the district offices of MY Bharat in Karnataka state for meeting expenditure on the programmes and establishment is Rs.1835.00 lakh including Rs.71.00 lakh for MY Bharat office of Dakshin Kannada District.
