

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:513
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2002
DISTRICTS UNDER NRC SCHEME
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

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

- (a) the criteria for selection of districts under the National Reconstruction Corps (NRC) scheme;
- (b) whether the Government propose to cover more districts under the scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a),(b) and (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.513 FOR 30.4.2002 REGARDING DISTRICTS UNDER NRC SCHEME ASKED BY SHRI JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI.

(a) The selection of districts for implementation of NRC Scheme is based upon the relative backwardness of the districts, willingness of the beneficiary Department or State Governments to implement their social sector schemes in those districts (covered under National Reconstruction Corps) and existence of well laid out network of youth clubs in those districts. Since the scheme is executed through the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, the existence of NYK in a particular district is also taken into account. During the current year, while selecting 40 additional districts, State Governments have also been consulted.

(b) & (c) : Approval has been accorded for implementation of the scheme on a pilot basis for 2 years initially. Last year (2001-02), the scheme was operationalised in 76 districts. This year the scheme has been extended to 40 more districts. State-wise list of the districts selected this year is annexed.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 513 FOR 30.4.2002 REGARDING DISTRICTS UNDER NRC SCHEME.

LIST OF SELECTED NEW DISTRICTS FOR NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION CORPS SCHEME FOR 2002-2003

State	District
Andhra Pradesh	1. Anantpur 2. Mehboobnagar
Bihar	3. Katihar 4. Bhagalpur
	5. Motihari
Chattisgarh	6. Bilaspur 7. Rajanand Gaon
Gujarat	8. Kutch
Himachal Pradesh	9. Bilaspur

Jharkhand	10. Palamu 11. Lohardaga
Karnataka	12. Bangalore Urban 13. Uduppi
Kerala	14. Kozhikode
Madhya Pradesh	15. Sehore 16. Dhar
17. Devas 18. Damoh	
19. Balaghat	
Maharashtra	20. Amravati
Orissa	21. Sundergarh 22. Sambalpur
23. Keonjhar	
Rajasthan	24. Bara 25. Kota
Uttar Pradesh	26. Jhansi 27. Hamirpur
28. Bareilly 29. Jalaun	
Uttanchal	30. Uttarkashi 31. Rudraprayag
Tamil Nadu	32. Coimbatore 33. Nilgiri
Assam	34. Sonitpur 35. Dibrugarh
Haryana	36. Gurgaon
Manipur	37. Tamenglong
Nagaland	38. Mon
Sikkim	39. Sikkim West
Tripura	40. South Tripura

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Historical Perspective

Recognising the need to provide the youth with avenues for creative and constructive work, to utilize their boundless energy, to introduce a new dimension and direction to various development programmes and to bring about a meaningful socio-economic transformation of the society and the nation, Govt. of India launched the National Reconstruction Corps Scheme(NRC) on 30.06.99 as a pilot project in the Central Sector. The scheme aims at harnessing the vital youth energy in constructive channels on a sustained basis.

The NRC volunteers are expected to act as catalysts of change. A volunteer under this scheme would give one year of his youth in the service of the community and the nation. The NRC volunteers are at least matriculates, having attained the age of eighteen years. There is sufficient representation of women and SC/ST/backward youth. The deployment of volunteers is for one year and no rights for future employment accrue to the volunteers.

The volunteers are paid an honorarium of Rs.1000/- per month and they work on programmes and projects of various Departments/Agencies of Government of India, State Governments and even of voluntary organisations.

Their work is area and locality specific. The volunteers are organised into groups by the Project Officer who is deployed by NYKS on a lump sum honorarium of Rs.4000/- per month. No funds are provided by the Central Government for execution of projects to be undertaken by the NRC volunteers. Such expenditure is met by the beneficiary community or by the beneficiary Government Departments. This scheme became operational last year in 76 identified districts. Under the Scheme, a Project Officer and 100 Volunteer are selected by a duly constituted committee for each district. The Project Officers and volunteers are appointed on an honorarium of Rs. 4000/- and Rs. 1000/- p.m. respectively on contract basis for one year, extendable for one more year in case of the Project Officers only. The selection is done in the most transparent manner after issue of advertisements in prominent newspapers. Due regard is given to ensure representation of women candidates belonging to SCs/STs and OBCs. Similarly, transparent method is adopted for the recruitment of volunteers.

This year the scheme has been introduced in 40 additional districts.