

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any request from some schools of Tamil Nadu to hold 'Children's Parliament' ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and reaction of the Government thereto ;
- (c) the propaganda/publicity efforts proposed to be made to popularise such 'Children Parliament' among the school and student community; and
- (d) the funds earmarked for the purpose during the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

- (a) & (b) No such request has recently been received from schools of Tamil Nadu for holding 'Children's Parliament';
- (c) & (d) With a view to inculcate democratic values and disseminate knowledge on the working of parliamentary institutions among the student community, four schemes of 'Youth Parliament Competitions' are being implemented. These are namely, 'Youth Parliament Competition Scheme for recognized Educational Institutions in the National Capital Territory of Delhi' ; 'National Youth Parliament Competition Scheme for Kendriya Vidyalayas'; 'National Youth Parliament Competition Scheme for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas' and 'National Youth Parliament Competition Scheme for Universities/Colleges'. In addition to the above four schemes, financial assistance up to a maximum of Rs. 2 lacs per annum is being extended to the States/Union Territories for conducting similar 'Youth Parliament Competitions' in their educational institutions. No specific quantum of funds have been earmarked for organising the 'Youth Parliament Competitions'. However, expenditure in this regard, is being met from an allocation of Rs. 35 lacs for 'other charges' provided in the current year's budget of the Ministry. Apart from the above no specific propaganda/publicity efforts to popularise Youth Parliaments in the schools are envisaged