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Title: Need to consider National Youth Awardees for the post of District Youth Coordinators at Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR (KARIMNAGAR): National development requires involving the nation's citizens in constructive opportunities. India, a nation of the youth, where more than 50% of our population is below the age of 25 has much wider scope of development by channelizing the young mind. Keeping this in mind, various governments at different point of times have come up with youth specific programmes and policies. Most recent of them being, the National Youth Policy (2014) that identifies India's vision for its youth.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports which works for Youth development via 623 district level Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports also introduced National Youth Award to recognize and encourage outstanding work in the field of national development and social service. One of the aims of the National Youth Policy (2014) is to achieve a dynamic productive workforce that can effectively participate in governance. While all these policies and programmes seek one objective, they need to be jointed for improved efficiency. In this regard, the National Youth Awardees should be considered for the designation of District Youth Coordinators at NYKS.

The very idea of NYKS is to implement and execute Youth Development plans. These awardees are individuals who can act as role models. Their contribution to the implementation will be driven by their passion for the national development. Besides, the government will also go one step further in strengthening its youth engagement. These awardees are potential youth who have proven their calibre, providing them with employment will boost the youth cohort, as well as benefit the governance.

Therefore, I urge the Union government to consider the National Youth Awardees for the designation of District Youth Coordinators at NYKS.