

2. Grants to rural schools for purchase of sports equipments and development of playfield
3. Grants for promotion of sports in universities/colleges
4. Grants for installation of synthetic playing surfaces
5. National Service Scheme.

There are no State-wise allocations under the schemes at (i) to (iv) above.

The total Ninth Plan allocation for schemes at SI. No. (i) to (iv) was Rs. 80.82 crores and scheme at (v) was Rs. 104.56 crores.

(c) No separate allocation is made State-wise. However, an amount of Rs. 8.85 crores has so far been released to Government of Maharashtra during current plan period out of total Plan outlay of Rs. 172.00 crores under scheme at SI. No. (v). The Tenth Plan outlay is Rs. 312.61 crores for schemes at SI. No. (i) to (iv) in schemes mentioned above out of which an amount Rs. 13.13 crores has been released to Government of Maharashtra during the current plan period.

#### **Policy to tap youth energy**

2209. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame a policy to harness the energy of youths and also to give them a direction so that their talent and merits should not go waste and remain idle;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) to (d) National Youth Policy, 2003 is under implementation for utilizing the energy of youth and motivating them to be active and committed participants in the exciting task of National Development. The Policy identifies following thrust areas:-

- (i) Youth Empowerment;
- (ii) Gender Justice;
- (Hi) Inter-Sectoral Approach;
- (iv) Information and Research Network.

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The Policy recognizes eight key sectors of concern for the youth *viz.* (a) Education, (b) Training and Employment, (c) Health and Family Welfare, (d) Preservation of Environment, Ecology and Wildlife, (e) Recreation and Sports, (f) Arts and Culture, (g) Science and Technology and (h) Civics and good Citizenship.

Under the National Youth Policy, 2003 a National Inter-departmental Committee under the Chairpersonship of Secretary has been constituted to prepare draft National Action Plan for the implementation of the Policy.

Adolescents have been recognized as a major segment under the National Youth Policy. The Ministry has formulated and launched a Scheme for Development and Empowerment of Adolescents, in the age group of 10—19 years. Under this scheme, non-governmental organisations, educational institutions etc., are being assisted to undertake projects and programmes relating to issues concerning adolescents.

The Ministry has taken a large number of initiatives to strengthen Youth Clubs under Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS). These include expanding their membership to cover adolescents, launching of Gandhi Gramodya Sankalp Abhiyan, introduction of the concept of Rural Connectivity through Information Technology, emphasis on Vocational Training etc. In this regard, the Ministry has sought convergence with other Ministries/ Departments like Human Resource Development, Rural Development Health and Family Welfare. Women and Child Development and Culture to promote youth development and their involvement in national development.

#### **PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

- I. Report and Accounts (2003-2004) of GRSE, Kolkata and related papers**
- II. Report and Accounts (2003-2004) of HAL, Bangalore and related papers**
- III. Report and Accounts (2003-2004) of MDL, Mumbai and related papers**
- IV. Report and Accounts (2003-2004) of ADA, Bangalore and related papers**

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Sir, I lay on the Table: