

construction of stadia complex at District Headquarters which will be decided by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports after taking into account the availability of budget in a financial year and various sports facilities available in a State. However, no proposal in this regard will be sent by any eligible entity. So far there is no proposal to construct stadia in the State of Rajasthan.

The following proposals have been received under the Khelo India Scheme for construction of Multipurpose Halls from the State of Rajasthan, and are under examination:

- (i) Construction of Multipurpose Indoor Hall in L.B.S Government P.G. College, Kotputli (District. Jaipur).
- (ii) Construction of Multipurpose Indoor Hall, in Government Senior Secondary School Jamwramgarh (District Jaipur).
- (iii) Construction of Multipurpose Indoor Hall, in Government Senior Secondary School Pragpura (District Jaipur).

New umbrella scheme for empowerment of youth

635. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has restructured a number of youth affairs related schemes into a new umbrella scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objective of the new scheme; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make youth aware of the new scheme for empowerment of youth particularly in rural areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has restructured youth affairs related schemes, with effect from 01.04.2016, as follows:—

Sl. No.	Names of Schemes (Before Restructuring)	Names of Schemes (After Restructuring)
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1.	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)	Merged into a new 'umbrella' Scheme called "Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)".
2.	National Youth Corps (NYC)	
3.	National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD)	

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4. International Cooperation		
5. Youth Hostels (YH)		
6. Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations		
7. National Discipline Scheme (NDS)		
8. National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)		
9. National Service Scheme (NSS)		National Service Scheme (NSS)
10. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)		Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)

Thus, while National Service Scheme (NSS) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) have been retained as separate Schemes due to the distinctive nature of their operational framework, all other Schemes have been merged into a new umbrella Scheme called 'Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)', a flagship programme of the Department for empowerment of the youth to enable them to realise their potential and in the process, to contribute to the nation-building process.

The merger of 8 schemes into a single umbrella scheme is designed to achieve better synergy in implementation of these Schemes. Out of these Schemes, only the first two schemes, namely, NYKS and NYC, have field level administrative set-up for implementation of Schemes. Now, it will be possible to leverage the NYKS/ NYC administrative infrastructure for management of all the components of the new umbrella scheme, thereby facilitating more effective implementation of these Schemes.

The creation of the new umbrella scheme is primarily an exercise for consolidation of the ongoing schemes. Since all these schemes were already under implementation, the youth all over the country, including in rural areas, were already aware of these schemes. However, youth have been made aware about the new umbrella scheme through distribution of IEC material and dissemination of information programmes.

Increase in financial aid under meritorious sportspersons scheme

636. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances have come to the notice of Ministry wherein our athletes who have won medals at International Events had to spend their life in poverty post retirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;