

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO- 38
ANSWERED ON 06/12/2023**

Education for NCC/NSS

38 # DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI :

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide National Cadet Corps (NCC)/National Service Scheme (NSS) education from 6th to 12th class under the New Education Policy (NEP) so that students can be educated through the said education process;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether there is any proposal to include NCC/NSS education also in the compulsory education, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 38 FOR REPLY ON 06.12.2023 ASKED BY DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING EDUCATION FOR NCC/NSS

(a) to (c): The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, in para 6.17 provides that under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence, State Governments may encourage opening National Cadet Corps (NCC) wings in their secondary and higher secondary schools, including those located in tribal dominated areas. This will enable harnessing of the natural talent and unique potential of students, which in turn would help them to aspire to a successful career in the defence forces.

The National Credit Framework developed by University Grants Commission recognises NCC learning hours for providing Credit for Academic & Vocational Progression. In alignment with NEP 2020, NCC is being offered as a general generic elective credit course in universities under choice-based credit system.

NCC has been set up under the NCC Act, 1948. The NCC strives to provide the youth of the country opportunities for all round development with a sense of commitment, dedication, self-discipline and moral values; so that they become responsible citizens of tomorrow. Currently, NCC Training is available in 20390 educational institutions. NCC has an authorized cadet strength of 17 lakh. NCC Junior Division/Wing, which is of two years' duration commences from 8th standard and Senior Division/Wing are of 3 years' duration, and commences from 11th Standard.

The training curriculum of the NCC is primarily focused towards character building, inculcating leadership qualities and skill enhancement through structured academic syllabi, practical training and opportunity of exposure/interaction beyond a cadet's immediate environment and thereby enabling them for a brighter and progressive future.

Central Board of Secondary Education offers NCC as an optional subject in classes IX-XII in those schools which offer NCC and it is managed by the Directorate of NCC under the Ministry of Defence. NCC training is also implemented in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

The National Service Scheme (NSS) provides opportunity to the student youth of 11th & 12th Class of schools at +2 Board level and student youth of Technical Institutions, Graduate & Post Graduate at colleges and University level of India to take part in various Government led community service activities & programmes. The aim of the NSS is to provide hands on experience to young students in delivering community service. NSS is covered in 657 Universities, 51 +2 Councils covering 20,669 colleges and 11,988 schools approximately.

Further, NCC is a dual funding programme between Central and State Governments Implementing compulsory NCC would require consensus and concurrence between the Central Government and States. Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools come under the administrative/functional domain of the respective State/UT governments.