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Youth participation in policy-making processes

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Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

- (a) the initiatives undertaken by the Ministry to involve youth in policy-making processes at national and State levels;
- (b) the platforms available for young individuals to voice their concerns and suggestions on policies affecting them;
- (c) the impact assessments conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of youth participation in policy development; and
- (d) the future plans to enhance youth engagement in governance and decision-making?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (d): The various initiatives undertaken by the Ministry to involve youth in policy-making processes and platforms available to young individuals to voice their concerns are as follows:

Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat): Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), an autonomous body supporting a powerful digital platform powered by technology, for youth development and youth led development, is providing equitable access to opportunities for youth to actualize their aspirations and build an Amrit Bharat by 2047. The platform supports 'Volunteer for Bharat' and 'experiential learning programs' that offer youth exposure to practical situations within local self-government and governmental bodies. Such programs help youth to engage constructively with the local community and facilitate building of a vast youth network. This portal enables youth to participate in national programs including policy related dialogues.

The Viksit Bharat Ambassador – Yuva Connect programme: Launched on September 19, 2024, the programme is aimed at fostering youth engagement and leadership in the developmental transformation of India by conducting the programmes in Educational Institutions. It is also aimed to guide the youth about their responsibility towards achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat.

International Youth Exchange Programme: International Youth Exchange Programs of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports facilitate the interaction of Indian youth with young people from other nations,

allowing for cross-cultural exchange and global cooperation. Exchanges also provide opportunities for debate on youth policy, giving youth a voice to shape policy decisions both nationally and globally.

Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue(VBYLD): This year, National Youth Festival (NYF) has been restructured and called Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD). VBYLD-2025 was an effort to broaden the National Youth Festival(NYF) platform and engage with youth more intensively. It was an effort to align with the Prime Minister’s Independence Day vision of engaging 1 lakh youth in public affairs, providing them with a national platform to create a meaningful sphere of national development and leadership for a developed India

National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF): The National Youth Parliament Festival hosted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is a forum of paramount significance through which young people are able to articulate their opinions regarding national issues, including policies that touch their lives. It provides the participants with the opportunity to discuss and debate critical issues, hence an opportunity to participate effectively in policy discussions.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) consistently always invites feedback on various initiatives through the MY Bharat Portal. But no specific impact assessment exercise has been undertaken.
