

**Scheme for organizing "Youth Parliament Competition" in recognized
Colleges/Higher Secondary Schools of Assam-
A guideline**

1. **Objectives of the schemes:-** With a view to strengthen the roots of democracy, including healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of views of others and to grow better awareness about parliamentary system amongst the students the Parliamentary Affairs dept., Govt. of Assam is introducing the scheme of Youth Parliament Competition in the recognized Educational Institutions of the state. The above decision is in pursuance of the instruction received from Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India vide letter No. F.3(3)/2008 YP, dtd. 12.5.2009 which was implemented as per recommendations of the 5th All India Whips Conference held at Bengaluru in 1966.

2. **Operation of the scheme:-**The scheme will be operated by the Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. in collaboration with Director, Higher Education/Secondary Education, Assam.

3. **Implementation of the scheme:-** The scheme is to be implemented in three level
I) at college level II) at district level and III) at State level.
I) In college level the Principal of the Institution will organize the same by giving publicity amongst the student (both male and female) of college level. The principal will arrange the competition at his own discretion within the Institution Premises where a representative from District Administration is to be present as observer. They will select the participant in order of merit and send first five ranked student to the District Level Competition. No. of participant shall not be less than 50.
II) In District level the District Administration will arrange the competition in any public Hall/Auditorium as per suitability. Two or three noted educationists, Political or such veteran sociologist is to be present in the competition as observer. They will select participants in order of merit and send the first five holder to the state level competition. The number of participants shall be not less than 50.
III) The state level competition will be arranged preferably in the state assembly house or in such places as per suitability by Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. as per instruction issued vide letter No.3(3)/2008/YP, dtd.12/05/2009.

4. No separate arrangement of tent or furniture etc. should be arranged.

5. The hall is to be arranged in the same pattern of state Legislative Assembly where there will be Ruling Party, Opposition Party, Speaker, Ministers with separate sitting arrangement.

6. **Selection of subjects for discussion:-** There is no prescribed subject for question, answer or other discussion in the competition. However the matter of any welfare activity, welfare of the country, Social justice, Social reforms, Economic Development, Communal Harmony, Health, Student discipline etc. can be selected by the colleges or District Administration or in State level competition. They should always avoid such controversial matter which may create a communal sensation in the society

and only the matter which have a greater importance in the locality should be chosen.

7. **Role of District Administration:-** The District Administration will be coordinator of the programme and they will depute one observer to each colleges where such competition is scheduled. The Dist. Admn. will also direct the Institutional Heads to arrange the said competition as per time schedule as fixed by them and submit a report to Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. in this regard.

8. **Eligibility for entry into the competition:-** All recognized colleges are considered as eligible to take part in the competition. The list of participating Institution will be finalized by the Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. or Directorate of Higher Secondary Education by 31st March of every year. The Dist. Admn. will furnish the list of the institution to Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. by 15th of February each year.

9. **Date and period of Youth Parliament Competition:-**The youth parliament competition is proposed to be held every year at a convenient date as fixed by Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. The competition will be held as per detailed programme as at para 3 above. However the agenda of the programme will be communicated well ahead of time of the competition. The Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. is to complete out the schedule of the Programme district wise and circulated to the Dist. Admn. as well as instructions with intimation to Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

10. **Number of participant:-** Although there is no limit of participating students but depending upon circumstances like seating and other arrangement it should be limited to 100 student but not less than 50 student.

11. **Duration of the competition:-** The duration of the Youth Parliament sitting should not be more than an hour and out of this 20 minutes may be devoted to questions.

12. **Language:-** The participants can use either Hindi or English or any regional language to be specified by Parliamentary Affairs Deptt.

13. **Venue of the Youth Parliament:-** The sitting of the Youth Parliament shall be held at the venue as specified in clause 3(i) (ii) & (iii) of the guideline.

14. **Prizes:**There will be following prizes for the winners in the competition:-(i) Shield (Parliamentary shield) for the Institution standing first in the competition. (ii) Trophies for the 2nd to 5th position holder Institution in order of merit. (iii) Individual merit prizes in the shape of medals/cups/books for the selected participants will be awarded. Or a reasonable cash amount can also be awarded as prize instead of medal/cup/book etc. In this regard the decision may be taken by the Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. in respect of volume of amount and number of prizes depending the situation.

Prizes shall be distributed in the final round of the competition to be held in state

level under the administration of Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. All participant in the state level competition should be given a minimum prize as fixed by the Deptt. alongwith a certificate of merit to both the Institution and individual concerned.

There shall be separate prizes in each discipline as mentioned in clause 16 of the guideline.

15. Committee of Judges:- A committee of Judges for evaluating the performances of the Institutions as well as participating individuals shall be constituted by the Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. where there may consist of educationists/MLA and other renowned social worker. An officer from the Directorate of Higher/Secondary Education shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

16. Consideration for drawing up merit list:-The committee of Judges shall assess the performance of the Institutions as well as individual participating student and the following points as per marks as shown against each item:-

(I)	Discipline and decorum	-	10 marks.
(II)	Observance of Parliamentary procedure	-	20 marks.
(III)	Selection of subject for question: for Supplementaries and quality of answers.	-	20 marks.
(IV)	Selection of subjects for debate	-	10 marks.
(V)	Delivery and quality of speeches delivered and standard of debated	-	30 marks.
(VI)	General assessment of performance	-	10 marks.

Total -

100 marks.

17. Other arrangement:- The college authority or Dist. Admn. Authority or the State level authority who arrange the youth parliament competition shall arrange tea & snacks as light refreshment for the participating students with a writing pad and pen for all participants.

18. Fund:- An amount of Rs.25,000/- will be provided to every Institution and also to the Dist. Admn. to meet the expenditure as mentioned at clause 17 of the guideline.

19. Traveling arrangement:- To attend the state level youth parliament traveling arrangement will be made through ASTC buses from all corner of the state. The Dist. Admn. concerned may inform the number of participant to Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. well ahead of time.

20. Report:- The Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. will at the conclusion of the competition prepare a report as per proforma prescribed in Annex-III indicating the number of colleges participated showing first five position holder in order of merit, number of individual merit prizes etc. The report will clearly and separately indicate the amount reimbursable to the state Govt. by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India. The report shall be signed by the representative of the Deptt. in-charge of the scheme not below the rank of Deputy Secretary.

The report should be sent to Govt. of India with a request for financial assistance under the scheme stating the name of DDO and Head of Account etc. clearly.