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Jitendra Singh Calls For “Youth-centric Governance”

“All-India Good Governance Yatra”

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USPA NEWS - The Minister of DoNER, Dr. Jitendra Singh with a group of youth scholars and technocrats who visited him after the conclusion of their “All-India Good Governance Yatra”, organised by the “Vision India Foundation”, in New Delhi on December 18, 2015.

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that for the governance to be truly citizen-centric in 21st century India, it is imperative to make it primarily “youth-centric”^[1]. It can imbibe the futuristic vision of a nation, whose over 65 % population is below the age of 35 years. He was addressing a group of youth scholars and technocrats who visited him on December 18, after the conclusion of their “All-India Good Governance Yatra”^[2] organised by “Vision India Foundation”.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the ultimate litmus test of good governance is whether or not its benefits have reached the last man in the last queue. In case of a nation as young as India, this would imply the last youth in the last queue, he added. He said that Indian youth of 2015 is not only aspirational, but is also ready to experiment, for which he enjoys the advantage of living in a shrunken, close-knit world with easy accessibility. The only support that the youth today requires is the freedom to realise his talent and discover the area in which he can put in his best, he said.

Urging literate awakened sections of youth to help in connecting the Government with the lesser privileged youth of the country, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, some of the administrative decisions and plans tend to get faltered because of the disconnect between the common masses and the decision makers. But this gap can always be covered by erudite awakened groups like “Vision India Foundation”, he added.

During the interaction lasting over one hour, youngsters from different streams including Engineering, Administration and Mass Communication, offered a wide range of inputs based on the experience of good governance gathered by them from different states like Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. The group was led by a young faculty member Dr. Nimesh B. Bolia, Associate Professor in IIT, Delhi.

Mr. Sanjay Kothari, the Union Secretary (DoPT) and Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Establishment Officer were also present.

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