

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2288
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2022**

IMPLEMENTATION OF BJRCY

2288. SHRI DURGA DAS (D.D.) UIKEY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has unified the allocation of funds for Boys and Girls hostels under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY) and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is cognizant that the unification of funds for Boys and Girls hostels would limit the efficient utilization of resources and would lead to unaddressed needs;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to amend the unified fund allocation; and
- (d) if not, the details of mechanisms envisaged to mitigate this issue?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT,
(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)**

(a): The Scheme of Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY) has been merged with two other schemes of the Department and provision for construction/repairs of hostels for Scheduled Caste (SC) students is one of the components of the merged scheme, namely Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyudaya Yojana (PM-AJAY). Funds are provisioned under the single budget head of PM-AJAY, for all its components, including for Hostels.

Under the erstwhile BJRCY, the department provided 100% funding for all girls' hostels and for boys hostels proposed by UT Administrations; 50% for boys' hostels proposed by State Governments and 90% for Central Institutions. To promote enrollment of SCs in schools and higher educational institutions by provisioning adequate residential facilities for students, 100% central assistance is now being provided under PM-AJAY for construction of all Hostels for SCs, irrespective of the gender of the inmates.

(b): Being a demand driven scheme, all complete and eligible proposals for hostels are considered for release of grants, irrespective of gender of the inmates. Further, the unification of budget allocation affords more flexibility in planning and thus optimal utilization of resources can be ensured.

(c) & (d): In view of reply at Part-(b), does not arise.
