

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INFORMAL EDUCATION CENTRES
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any proposal for setting up hostels and informal education centers for the working class from Maharashtra during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the number of such hostels and education centers sanctioned for the State during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYASINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (d) During the last two years 7 proposals were received from the State Government of Maharashtra for construction of working Women Hostels. Out of which 4 proposals were sanctioned and other 3 are under consideration.

Non-Formal education Centres are opened under the Non- Formal Education Project for children in the age group of 9-14 years. 3136 of Non-Formal education Centres have been sanctioned to Maharashtra. About 78,000 learners are benefited under the scheme each year.

Literacy Campaigns were sanctioned to all the districts of Maharashtra to provide functional literacy to the Non-literates in the age group of 15- 35 years. 41.35 lakhs learners were made literate under literacy campaign. Construction of residential schools are planned under the District Primary Education Programme for the children where access to formal schools is not available in the predominantly tribal district of Gadchiroli and Dhule. It has also been decided to provide seasonal hostels to the children of migrant workers in Beed district.

Under the District Primary Education Programme 1743 Informal Education Centres named Prena Centres are established in 9 districts 22,672 boys and 21,587 girls are attending these Centres. 183 contract schools have been started under the District Primary education Programme at places which do not qualify for a school according to norms. 1423 boys and 1306 girls are studying in these schools.