

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3300
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HOSTEL FACILITIES TO SC/ST BOYS AND GIRLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to chalk out any effective scheme for providing sufficient hostel facilities to boys and girls of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in educational institutions;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have received any request or suggestion from Hon. Members of Parliament and other social organisations in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs are already implementing the schemes of hostels for SC/ST boys and girls studying in middle, high and senior secondary schools, colleges and universities. Central assistance is provided to State Governments on matching share basis and 100% to UTs.

Ministry of Human Resource Development accords priority to the areas of concentration of SCs and STs in its scheme of strengthening of boarding and hostel facilities for girl students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools.

(b): Yes, 'Sir'.

(c) & (d): Four Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) have applied for Grant-in-Aid during the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 (up till now) under the scheme implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and have availed the grants for Rs.89.82 lakhs.

(e): Does not arise.