

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7112  
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SETTING OF HOSTELS FOR ST GIRLS  
ANANTA NAYAK

**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to set up hostels in the non-scheduled area of Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand exclusively for ST girls;
- (b) if so, the proposal mooted in this regard for 2002-2002, academic year; and
- (c) the steps taken to make financial allocation accordingly?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs are administering a scheme called 'Scheme of Hostels for ST Boys and Girls'. Under this scheme, proposals are invited from State Govts./UTs for the release of grants-in-aid. The State Govts. are requested to send their proposals in a complete form and such proposals should include Utilization Certificates in respect of grants-in-aid released during the previous years and a clear confirmation to the effect that a matching provision exists in the State Budget. Therefore, if proposals are received from the State Govt. of Orissa, Chattisgarh and Jharkhand during the academic year 2002-03, these will be considered subject to the provisions of the scheme.

(c) An amount of 24.00 crores has been provided in the budget for the financial year 2002-03 for releasing the grants-in-aid under the aforesaid scheme to meet the requirements of all the states/UTs in this regard.