

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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HOSTELS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to set up hostels in the country particularly in North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the students from North Eastern States will be allowed to stay in these hostels free of cost; and
- (d) if so, the details and reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b) : Some of the Central Government Ministries/Departments under Central Sector Schemes have been partially funding hostel projects in various parts of the country including North Eastern States. These schemes include 'Working Women's Hostel Scheme' of the Department of Women & Child Development, 'Hostel for SC, ST and OBC' by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and 'Access with Equity Scheme' of the Department of Secondary and Higher Education which provides financial assistance to voluntary organizations already running girls hostels for Secondary and Higher Secondary education. The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region which funds the priority projects of North Eastern States, has retained in the current year a project for Boys and Girls Hostel at Manipur University for techno-economic examination.

(c) & (d) : Hostels fully or partially funded by the Government are managed by the respective institutions and are normally not free for the residents except in case of SC, ST and OBC students who are considered for exemption to pay rentals under the 'Hostel for SC, ST and OBC' Scheme sponsored by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.