

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2899
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CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL HOSTELS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of hostels constructed under the centrally sponsored scheme for the students of the Scheduled Tribes in the tribal majority areas of the country especially in Maharashtra is inadequate;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to construct additional hostels and provide better facility to fulfill the demands; and
- (c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard during 2004-05?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) The proposals seeking central assistance for construction of Boys/Girls hostels, for the ST students are initiated by the concerned State Govts. themselves depending on their needs. This holds good for the State Govt. of Maharashtra also. Maharashtra Govt. had last year sent a proposal seeking financial assistance for construction of 36 hostels. But this proposal did not conform to the provisions of the scheme and hence was not agreed to.

(b) & (c) During the current financial year if a proposal complete in all respects is received from State Govt. of Maharashtra, it would be considered, subject to availability of funds.