

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

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FUNDS FOR WOMEN HOSTELS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether UGC has a scheme to fund and finance women's hostels and other facilities so as to encourage women to obtain university education;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds released by UGC in 2005-06 to finance women's hostels, particularly to the universities and colleges in Karnataka, university-wise; and
- (c) the steps proposed by Government to increase funding for construction of women's hostels?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Yes, Sir. University Grants Commission (UGC) has a scheme of 'Construction of Women's Hostel' to facilitate women students to go in for higher education. The UGC is also implementing the following schemes/facilities for women in higher education.

- i) Establishment of Women Studies Centre.
- ii) Part-time research associateship for women.
- iii) Day-care centres in Universities.
- iv) Infrastructure for women students, teachers and non-teaching staff.

(b): A Statement of grants paid to Universities in Karnataka for construction of women hostels is attached as Annexure.

(c): According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has recently revised the guidelines for construction of women's hostel under the scheme. The UGC has enhanced the maximum limit from Rs.25.00 lakh to Rs.1.00 crore for universities located in non-metro cities and Rs.2.00 crore for universities in metro cities under the scheme.