

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF HOSTELS FOR SC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of hostels for students belonging to the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) across the country including Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by the Government to extend hostel facility?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) and (b): Central assistance is provided to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/ other implementing agencies for construction of hostels for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students under Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Proposals are considered as and when they are received from State Governments and other implementing agencies, complete in all respects and subject to availability of funds. A State/ Union Territory-wise statement of number of hostels sanctioned during the last three years is placed at Annexure-I.