

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF GIRL HOSTELS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to envisage any scheme for the establishment and management of hostels for girl students in the country particularly in educationally backward areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government launched a centrally sponsored scheme for construction and running of girls' hostels for students of secondary and higher secondary schools during the year 2008-09 with the objective to enhance enrolment of girls in secondary schools and to improve their retention. The scheme envisages setting up of one hostel with capacity of 100 girls in each of the educationally backward blocks (EBBs). The scheme is implemented through State Governments which share 10% of the total cost while the Central Government bears 90%. So far, sanction has been given for 426 hostels in 11 States. Under another scheme called "Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)" which was launched in 2004-05, and which is now a component of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, provision is made for setting up residential schools at upper primary level in educationally backward blocks for girls predominantly belonging to marginalised social groups and minority communities. The State-wise break-up of Girls' Hostels and KGBVs sanctioned so far is annexed.