

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

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of hostels for SC/ST students in the country including Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to increase the hostel facility to the SC/ST students in the country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

(a) to (c) 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 the 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.