

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HOSTELS FOR OBC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of proposals for construction of hostels for Other Backward Class (OBC) students have been submitted by some of the State Governments including Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated and released for the purpose, State-wise;
- (d) the time by which the hostels are likely to be constructed; and
- (e) the efforts being made to meet the increasing demand for such hostels?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls, proposals for construction of hostels during 2010-11 have been received from the Government of Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Orissa. Proposal for construction of one hostel at B.J.B. (Autonomous) College, Bhubaneswar has been received from the Government of Orissa.
- (c) The funds under the scheme in 2010-11 have been notionally allocated to States based on population as given at Annexure. So far no funds have been released to any State.
- (d) As per existing norms, the hostels are to be completed within 2 years from the date of sanction.
- (e) The budgetary allocation under the scheme has been increased from Rs. 35 crore in 2009-10 to Rs. 45 crore in 2010-11 to meet the increasing demand.