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HOSTELS FOR STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate hostel facilities to the poor students of all communities in the educational institutions;
- (b) the present status of working/ living condition of hostels across the country, especially in the State of Karnataka;
- (c) the details of funds being allocated by the Government for running boys and girls hostels in the country, State- wise and location-wise;
- (d) the criteria fixed for providing grants to such hostels;
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to set up more hostels in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and
- (g) the time by which these hostels are likely to be established?

Answer

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

(a) & (c): The subject 'Education' comes under the concurrent list. The Government is implementing a number of schemes to provide adequate hostel facilities to different sections of the students in educational institutions as detailed below:

UGC is implementing a Scheme for construction of Women's hostel. Colleges of three States have been provided with financial assistance of Rs.7429.21 lakh for the construction of Women's Hostel.

Under the Scheme of Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana, Central assistance is provided to States/ UTs, Central/ State Universities, Deemed Universities, NGOs, for construction of new hostel buildings/ expansion of existing hostel facilities for Scheduled Caste boys and girl students. In addition to this, one time grant @ Rs.2500/- is also provided for making provisions of a cot, a table and a chair for each student.

Under the Scheme of 'Sub-Mission on Polytechnics Under Coordinated Action For Skill Development', Government is providing one time financial assistance of Rs.1.00 crore per polytechnic to the existing 500 government/ government aided polytechnics in the country for construction of Women's Hostels. Out of 500 polytechnics, 347 polytechnics have been sanctioned the financial assistance for the purpose during the year 2009-10 and 123 polytechnic have been approved during the current financial year.

Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Girls' Hostels, assistance is provided to the State/ UT Governments to set up one girls' hostel for 100 students in each of the 3500 Economically Backward Blocks. The scheme is being implemented from 2009-10, and so far 426 hostels in 11 States have been sanctioned.

(b): No such information is maintained centrally. However, the maintenance and upkeep of hostels is the primary responsibility of the concerned educational institutions.

(d): The individual schemes have their own criteria fixed for providing grants for hostels depending upon relevant variables.

(e) to (g) : The establishment of hostels in various educational institutions is demand driven and keeping in view the nature of activity, no time frame can be fixed for their establishment.