

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1687
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HOSTEL FACILITY TO ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated any scheme for providing adequate hostel facility to the Scheduled Tribes students in educational institutions;
- (b) whether the Government has received any request or suggestion from public representatives and other social organisations in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken or being taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

- (a): Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Hostels for ST girls and boys" under which grant-in-aid is provided for construction of hostel buildings to State Governments/UT Administrations and Universities.
- (b)to(d): No specific request/suggestion has been received from any public representative and other social organizations under this scheme. Whenever requests have been received from some public representatives and other organizations making demand for a hostel, such requests have been forwarded to the States/UTs concerned as under the scheme, grant-in-aid, only for construction of hostel building is released to States/UTs/Universities on receipt of complete proposals including utilization certificates and progress report for funds released earlier from the State Governments/UT Administrations/Universities and subject to availability of funds under the scheme.