

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF YOUTH HOSTELS

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of youth hostels constructed/functional across the country, State-wise and location-wise;
- (b) whether Youth Hostels are built to promote youth travel and to enable the youth to experience the cultural heritage of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of schemes implemented for the welfare of youth affairs and sports;
- (d) the total budgetary allocation for construction of youth hostels during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to construct more such hostels in various parts of the country including in tribal areas for promotion of cultural heritage of tribals alongwith funds allocation during the 12th Five Year Plan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and the time by which these hostels are likely to be constructed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): 80 Youth Hostels have so far been constructed across the country, out of which 68 are with this Department and 12 Youth Hostels have been transferred to Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Sports Authority of India and respective State Governments for their optimum uses for youth & sports development and four Youth Hostels are at various stages of construction. A statement showing list of Youth Hostels, state-wise and location-wise, is annexed.

(b) &(c): Yes Madam, Youth Hostels were built to encourage youth travel and to inform them about the diversity of India's cultural heritage. Besides promoting youth travel, Hostels have been developed as a major centre for youth and sports activities. Keeping in view, Youth Hostels were generally, established in locations of historical, cultural and tourist interest and significance. The Youth Hostel scheme is a joint venture between Central and State Governments. Under the scheme, Central Government bears the cost of construction while the State Government provides fully developed land free of cost with water, electricity & approach road.

(d): the total budgetary allocation for construction of Youth Hostels during the last three years and the current year is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year Total Budget for construction of Youth Hostel

2009-10 3.25

2010-11 4.00

2011-12 2.05

2012-13 1.30

(e): No Madam, Planning Commission has advised not to take up any new construction of Youth Hostel, but to complete the ongoing construction of the Youth Hostels.

(f): Question does not arise.