

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:506
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2012
HOSTELS FOR WORKING WOMEN
Nagorao Shri Dudhgaonkar Ganeshrao

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted or assessment made regarding the difficulties faced by working women particularly in the matter of accommodation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the violation of the norms/procedure laid down for construction of hostels for working women;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard as also to address the difficulties of the working women in an effective manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 506 FOR 11-05-2012 BY ADV. GANESHRAO DUDHGAONKAR REGARDING HOSTELS FOR WORKING WOMEN.

(a) & (b): No such study had been conducted in the past by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India. However, recently a study has been commissioned for evaluation of Working Women Hostel Scheme of the Ministry to be conducted by the School of Gender and Development Studies (SDGS), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi. The State Governments and the Union Territory Administrations assess the difficulties faced by working women in the matter of accommodation in the State/Union Territory Administration concerned, and accordingly recommend proposals under the Central Sector Scheme of Working Women Hostel for setting up working women hostels, inter-alia identifying suitable location.

(c) & (d): No such instance has been brought to the notice of the Ministry.

(e): Apart from the implementation of the Scheme for Working Women Hostel, Government of India in the Ministry of Women & Child Development is also implementing Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for Children of Working Mothers w.e.f. 1st January, 2006 to provide day care facilities to children (age group of 0-6 years) of working mothers belonging to families whose monthly income is not more than Rs. 12,000/-.