

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

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SHORTAGE OF YOUTH HOSTELS

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

- (a) whether there is a huge shortage of youth hostels in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of proposals received by the Union Government from the State Governments to set up new youth hostels along with the action taken thereon, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has imposed ban on construction of new hostels for youths in the country;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the construction work of ongoing hostels projects have been delayed;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor along with the original and the revised time schedule for construction of such hostels; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the construction work of hostel projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

- (a) No, Madam. At present, there are 81 youth hostels in the country and another four (4) are under construction.
- (b) to (d) Proposals to set up youth hostels were received from the State Governments from time to time. However, on the advice of Planning Commission, a policy decision has been taken up to complete the youth hostels under construction only and not to take up construction of new hostels.
- (e) to (g) There are four ongoing youth hostels projects located at Cuddapah (Andhra Pradesh), Roing (Arunachal Pradesh), Churachandpur & Thoubal (Manipur). Three ongoing youth hostels at Cuddapah, Churachandpur & Thoubal are at the last stage of completion and for Roing at Arunachal Pradesh, 92.63% of the sanctioned amount has already been released and construction is going in full swing.