

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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HOSTELS FOR ST STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of hostels for the students belonging to Scheduled Tribe (ST) category in various States including Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action to increase hostels for the students belonging to Scheduled Tribe;
- (d) if, so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

(a) & (b) Hostels have been considered important infrastructure in tribal areas since location of education institutions and teachers in distant and remote locations were considered difficult. Under the Right to Education Act, however, all children in age group 6-14 have to be guaranteed school education by State Governments. For College and University education also the concerned State Governments and Universities/Institutions are expected to provide hostel facilities to students from distant locations. Under the scheme of "Hostels for ST Girls and Boys" this Ministry releases grant-in-aid to State Governments/UT Administrations and Universities for construction of hostel building only based on the proposals sent by the States/UTs/Universities according to their requirement of such hostels.

(c) & (d) This Ministry releases grant-in-aid to State Governments (including Rajasthan) /Union Territory Administrations and Universities for construction of hostel building based on the proposals sent by the States/UTs/Universities in accordance with the provisions of the scheme and based on their requirement of such hostels. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 78.00 crore has been allocated in the budget for the year 2012-13 which includes Rs. 10.00 crore earmarked for the North East.