

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF GIRLS HOSTELS AND COLLEGES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the male and female rate of literacy among Muslim community at present in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more girls hostels and model degree colleges in various districts of the country especially in minority dominated districts during the 12th Five Year Plan to further increase their rate of literacy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, location-wise; and
- (d) the time by which these hostels and colleges are likely to be established?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

- (a): As per the Census of India 2001, the literacy rate among Muslim males is 67.6% and the literacy rate among Muslim females is 50.1%.
- (b) & (c): A total of 291 Girls' Hostels in the Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) of the Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) have been approved so far. The State-wise details are annexed. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) envisages, inter-alia, to set up one Model Degree College in 60 EBBs including the Minority Concentrated Districts during the 12th Five Year Plan. The location and the establishment of these colleges would depend upon the perspective plans that would be prepared by the respective State Govts. in due course.
- (d): No time limit can be given as the respective State/U.T. Govts. are responsible for the construction of the hostels.