

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

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ESTABLISHMENT OF GIRLS HOSTELS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any scheme for the establishment of girls hostels for the students of secondary and higher secondary schools in educationally backward blocks; and

(b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise and the amount earmarked for it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Shashi Tharoor)

(a) Yes Madam. The Scheme for Construction & Running of Girls' Hostels for Students of Secondary & Higher Secondary Schools in the Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) is under implementation. The Scheme provides for construction of hostels with a capacity of 100 girls each with a cost sharing pattern of 90:10 between the Government of India and the State Governments/UTs.

The Scheme aims to improve access to and retain the girl child in Secondary and Higher Secondary classes (IX-XII) so that girl students are not denied the opportunity to continue their studies due to distance from school, parents' financial condition and other connected societal factors. The girl students in the age group of 14-18 years studying in classes IX to XII belonging to SC, ST, OBC, Minority Community and BPL families form the target group. At least 50% of girls' students in the hostel should be from SC, ST, OBC, and Minority Communities.

(b) The State-wise details of the amount earmarked for the establishment of Girls' Hostels is at Annexure-I.