

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRIBAL HOSTELS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has plans to open more tribal student's hostels in the various States including Gujarat; and
- (b) If so, the details thereof for the current year and next year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The Government of India in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has no scheme under which hostels may be opened for ST students. However, under the scheme of "Hostels for ST girls and boys" funds are granted for construction of hostels for ST students to States/UTs/ Universities. Running and maintenance of these hostels is the responsibility of the respective State/UT/University. The scheme is demand driven and need based and funds are released on the basis of receipt of complete proposals including utilization certificates and progress report of funds released earlier from the State Governments/UT Administration/Universities and subject to availability of funds under the scheme.