

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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HOSTEL FACILITY FOR SC OBC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of hostels for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes in the country including Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to increase the hostel facilities for such students, State-wise, particularly in Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) and (b): According to the information furnished by the Government of Karnataka, there is a shortage of post matric hostels for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) Students in the State. Action has been taken by the Karnataka Government to start 70 new post matric hostels for SC Boys and Girls in the State.

Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, provides financial assistance under the Schemes of construction of hostels for SC and OBC Students to the State Governments and Union Territories. Under the Schemes, the Department provides financial assistance to the eligible implementing agencies for construction of new hostels/ expansion of existing hostels for the SCs and OBCs. Statee/ UT-wise number of hostels for SCs and OBCs, including Karnataka sanctioned during 12th Five Years Plan (upto 18.2.2015) is annexed.