

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

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SETTING UP OF BAL BHAWAN BAL KENDRAS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria for setting up of Bal Bhawans and Bal Kendras in the country;
- (b) the number of Bal Bhawans and Bal Kendras which are functioning in the country at present, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to open new Bal Bhawans and Bal Kendras in various States of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): Central Government does not set up Bal Bhawans or Bal Kendras. National Bal Bhawan (NBB) an autonomous organization under this Ministry gives affiliation to Bal Bhawans/Kendras set up by State government/ Registered Society/Trust/Registered Non-Government Organizations etc. The terms and conditions for affiliation, inter-alia, include sponsoring body having proper rules/regulations, its services being open to all on a non-discriminatory basis, and the premises having adequate space and infrastructure for conducting specified creative activities. The NBB also conducts an inspection of the premises before granting affiliation. There is no proposal at present to open new Bal Bhawans/ Kendras by the NBB. State/UT wise details of the number of Bal Bhawans/Kendras are given at Annexure.