

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

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GIRLS HOSTELS

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the aims and objectives of the Girls` Hostel Scheme along with their achievements;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for construction of girls` hostels in their States under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year and if so the details thereof, state wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Government on such proposals along with the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved and whether the Government proposes to create additional boarding and lodging facilities for girls student in Delhi and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has provided adequate funds for construction of the girls` hostel during the aforesaid period and if so, the detail thereof along with funds utilised, State -wise and if no, the reasons therefor ; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the coverage of the said scheme ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITIZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e): The Scheme for Construction & Running of Girls` Hostels under Integrated Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) envisages construction of one hostel with the capacity of 100 girls in each of the 3479 Educationally Backward Block (EBBs) across the country. The girl students in the age group of 14-18 years studying in classes IX to XII belonging to SC, ST, OBC, Minority communities and BPL families form the target group of the Scheme. At least 50% of Girl Students should be from SC, ST, OBC & Minority Communities.

The main objective of the Scheme is to improve access to and retention of the girl child in secondary and higher secondary classes (IX-XII) so that the girl students are not denied the opportunity to continue their study due to distance to school, parents` financial affordability and other connected societal factors.

Since inception of the Girls` Hostel Scheme, Rs. 1286.64 Crores have been sanctioned for construction of 1994 Girls` Hostels in 26 States and the UT of Dadra Nagar Haveli. A Statement showing State-wise details of the proposals received, approved, funds released for construction of girls` hostels and funds utilized under the said scheme is annexed.

Delhi has no Educationally Backward Block (EBB), therefore, no girls` hostel under the Scheme could be sanctioned in Delhi. The scheme norms envisage construction of one hostel with the capacity of 100 girls` in one Educationally Backward Block (EBB)! Accordingly, the Scheme norms for coverage is adhered.