

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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HOSTELS FOR WORKING WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Working Women Hostels (WWHs) presently operational in the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and Karnataka;
- (b) the criteria/norms laid down for granting/extending financial assistance for construction of WWHs;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals for construction of more WWHs during each of the last three years and the current year ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and Karnataka; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government on each such proposal along with the funds sanctioned, released and utilised by the State/UTs during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) Since the inception of the scheme in 1972, 913 working women hostels (WWH) have been sanctioned in the country. A statement giving State/ UT wise number of hostels including Maharashtra and Karnataka is at Annex-I.
- (b) As per the norms of the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the eligible implementing organizations such as State Government agencies and Civil Society Organizations etc. upto 75% of the cost of construction of the hostel building for working women on public land as per the prescribed area norms and schedule of rate of the respective State Public Works Department. There is also a provision of extending financial assistance for hostels to be run in rented premises. Corporate houses or associations like CII, ASSOCHAM, FICCI etc., can also seek financial assistance for a matching grant (50:50) for hostel building construction on public land only. There is also a provision of one-time non-recurring grant @ Rs. 7500/- per inmate for purchase of furniture and furnishings.
- (c) to(e): During the last three years and the current financial year, 52 new proposals have been received for construction of working women hostel under the Scheme and 18 new hostels have been sanctioned as per details given at Annex-II. Details of funds released to implementing organisations, State/ UT wise, during the last three years and the current financial year are at Annex-III.