

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

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CLOSURE OF HOSTELS FOR SC OBC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to close down hostels being run for SC and OBC students in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Department of Social Justice and Empowerment provides financial assistance to the eligible implementing agencies for construction of new hostels/expansion of existing hostels for the Scheduled Castes(SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs), in consonance with the relevant schemes. These are continuing schemes and Budget allocation of Rs. 75.00 crore and Rs. 45.00 crore has been made under the relevant schemes for SCs and OBCs respectively during 2014-15.

Running and maintenance of the hostels is the responsibility of the States/UTs.