

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF YOUTH HOSTELS LNIFE
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of youth hostels functioning in the country so far and the details of proposals received from States to construct youth hostels in the States along with the action taken thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, location and state/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government also proposes to set up Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE);
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) So far, 83 youth hostels have been constructed in the country and one more youth hostel at Roing (Arunachal Pradesh) is under construction. Proposals to construct youth hostels are received from the State Governments from time to time. However, on the advice of Planning Commission, a policy decision has been taken to complete the youth hostels under construction only and not to take up construction of new hostels.
- (b) to (d) Under the administrative control of the Ministry, there are three Institutes viz. Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior (Deemed to be University) with a North Eastern Regional Centre at Guwahati and Lakshmbai National College of Physical Education, Thiruvananthapuram and Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Patiala along with its courses being offered at Bengaluru and Kolkata Centres of Sports Authority of India (SAI). At present, there is no proposal to set up any other Laxmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE).