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Title : Need to release adequate funds by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for providing toilet and bathroom facilities in girls' hostels.

SHRI MADHU GOUD YASKHI (NIZAMABAD): I would like to raise a very serious matter regarding inhuman conditions in which girls belonging to SC, ST, and OBC are living in girls' hostels in various parts of the country. At present,, 6.5 lakh girls are living in hostels in Andhra Pradesh. For these girls, at least 40,000 bathrooms and toilets with adequate water are required. But, unfortunately only 20,000 bathrooms and toilets are there for these girls. These hostels lack proper water facility. For want of this facility, girls are forced to wake up at 2.30 a.m. every day to avail this basic facility. As per a study, due to lack of basic amenities, 63.2 per cent of these girls staying in these hostels are suffering from more than two diseases. One bathroom and toilet each is required for 10 girls in these hostels. To meet this target, about Rs. 800 crore are required. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh promised Rs. 50 crore for this purpose but only Rs. 25 crore was sanctioned. For Backward Class girl hostels, Rs. 40 crore was promised. Work amounting to Rs. 14 crore has been completed but only Rs. 3.56 crore has been released to the concerned authorities by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

I urge upon the Central Government to look into this problem of the condition of girls' hostels in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh and

release sufficient financial assistance to State Governments to mitigate the sufferings of the girls living in these hostels.