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Title: Need to set up Girl's Hostels in Economically Backward Blocks of the country.

DR. SANJEEV GANESH NAIK (THANE): Madam, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to the proposal for setting up a girl's hostel in the economically backward blocks of the State of Maharashtra.

The Central Government has started a scheme for providing hostel facilities to the girl students in the age group of 14 to 18 studying in standard 9th to 12th in 43 educationally backward blocks of the State of Maharashtra. The scheme is based on 90:10 sharing pattern. The Central Government has allocated a sum of Rs.42.50 lakhs per hostel. The State has submitted a proposal of around Rs.39.26 crore. Due to some technical reasons, the proposal is submitted to the State. After that, it is giving some technical problems. Again on 4th June, 2011, the Joint Secretary of the School Education Department had referred the same proposal to the Central Government amounting to Rs.66.54 crore. The Central Government's share is Rs.59.89 crore.

It is my humble request to the hon. Minister to consider this proposal and send it to the State of Maharashtra.