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Title: Need to provide basic amenities in welfare hostels of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA (ARAKU): Thank you, Speaker Madam, for giving me this opportunity to mention one of the most important urgent matters during the 'Zero Hour'. This matter not only pertains to my Constituency, but this pertains to the entire country.

Nearly, 70 per cent of the children are studying in the rural welfare hostels, but the situation of the welfare hostels is quite pathetic. Children are living in condemned building and in most unhygienic conditions. The kitchens are very bad. The food grains that are supplied to these welfare hostels are very bad. Children are facing a lot of hardships because of that. The health of the children is getting affected. Children are the future of this nation. A lot of initiatives have been taken by our hon. Prime Minister under the scheme of *Beti Padhao*, *Beti Bachao* and other schemes to promote the children to study well. But it is obligatory on the part of the Government to create health environment as well as qualitative studies. Even beds are not provided. Uniforms and bed rolls are provided once in two years, which are completely in a bad shape. So, I would urge upon the Government, through you, to the Social Justice Minister to kindly intervene in this matter and provide healthy environment and living conditions. There are so many vacancies available. They are suffering from unemployment but the vacancies are not getting filled. And each person is made in-charge of ten hostels at a time which is not good.

So, I would urge upon the Minister, through you, to kindly intervene in this situation and provide healthy environment for the students to study.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra and Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati Kothapalli Geetha.