

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**HOSTEL FACILITIES FOR MINORITIES .**

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Will the Minister of COALMINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Sachar Committee has recommended that there should be a priority in providing hostel facilities for students from minorities especially for girls in cities in all sizes;

(b) how many such minority hostels are there all over the country and how many of them are suitable for girls' accommodation;

(c) what is the tentative additional requirement of such hostels all over the country given the demand for such hostels; and

(d) the break up of such hostels available for boy and girl students from Muslim community, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. For expansion of outreach of upper primary schools, particularly for Muslim girls, 1225 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) residential schools for girls have been sanctioned in areas with substantial Muslim population since 2006-07. Such residential schools are taken up in educationally backward blocks and the requirement as per norms has been fully met. Under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), a special area development programme implemented in 90 minority concentration districts (MCDs), 149 hostels for both girl and boy students have been sanctioned for construction since 2008-09. Of this, 115 are for girls and 34 are for boys. Projects are taken up in MCDs based on the development deficits identified by a baseline survey of the district concerned. In respect of higher education, University Grant Commission (UGC) has sanctioned 239 women's hostels during 11th Plan for construction of hostels in minority concentration districts. Residential facilities created under KGBV, MsDP and by UGC are located in areas having a substantial minority population so that the accessibility of the facility for students belonging to the minority communities is enhanced. Such facilities are meant for all communities, including Muslims.