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DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1756
ANSWERED ON- 13/03/2025

CONSTRUCTION OF YOUTH HOSTELS

1756 # SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether youth hostels have been built in major cities across various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with names of the cities, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria fixed for selecting sites for the construction of youth hostels; and
- (d) the number of places where the construction of youth hostels is going on along with the total number of new hostels proposed, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b) A total 84 Youth Hostels have been constructed under the Youth Hostel sub-scheme across various States/ UTs of the country. The State/UT-wise list, along with name of the cities, of the Youth Hostels constructed so far, is at Annexure.

(c) Youth Hostels are a joint venture of the Central and State Governments. Selection of place for construction of a Youth Hostel is done as per the provisions of Youth Hostel Manual. The following considerations decide the selection of a place:

- (i) Historical and cultural value;
- (ii) Educational centre, State capital;
- (iii) Place of tourist importance, scenic beauty and hill station;
- (iv) Place which offers facilities for Youth activities; and
- (v) Port of entry.

The State/UT Government is required to make available a suitable plot with 1.5 to 2 acres or more area free of cost for construction of the Youth Hostel. However, in case of State Capitals, big Cities and hilly areas a fully developed plot of land measuring 0.75 to 1 acre may be considered as

acceptable for the construction of Youth Hostel building. It must be a developed plot, with an approach road and a boundary wall and with adequate water facilities and electric supply. The following points are kept in view while selecting the site:-

- (i) Adequate water supply throughout the year;
 - (ii) Proximity to the centre of communication from the Railway Station or Central Bus Stand and cheap mode of public or private conveyance is easily available;
 - (iii) Good approach road or nearness to a public highway. Groups traveling by buses should be able to reach the Hostel without difficulty and there must be parking facilities for the buses;
 - (iv) As far as possible near to marketing area, shopping centres, restaurants, Posts and Telegraphs Office and facility of Telephone, medical centre and Bank
 - (v) Good sewerage system and electric supply; and
 - (vi) Located in quiet surroundings. Slightly isolated place will be advantageous.
- (d) A new Youth Hostel is under construction at Kota, Rajasthan. No other new Youth Hostels are proposed for construction.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1756 for answer on 13-03-2025 regarding construction of youth hostels asked by Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Member of Parliament

Details of Youth Hostels (YHs) constructed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports			
S. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of YHs	Location of Youth Hostel(s)
1	Assam	4	Guwahati, Tezpur, Nagaon, Golaghat
2	A&N Islands	1	Port Blair
3	Andhra Pradesh	5	Kadapa, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram
4	Arunachal Pradesh	2	Naharlagun, Roing
5	Bihar	1	Patna
6	Goa	2	Panaji, PeddemMapusa
7	Gujarat	1	Gandhinagar
8	Haryana	7	Bhiwani, Gurgaon, Kurukshetra, Panchkula, Rewari, Sirsa, Yamuna Nagar
9	Himachal Pradesh	2	Dalhousie, Bilaspur
10	Jammu & Kashmir	3	Patnitop, Srinagar, Nagrota
11	Karnataka	4	Hassan, Mysore, Sogalu, Tirthameshwar
12	Kerala	3	Calicut (Kozhikode), Ernakulam (Kochi), Trivandrum,
13	Madhya Pradesh	3	Bhopal, Jabalpur, Khajuraho
14	Maharashtra	2	Aurangabad, Buldana
15	Manipur	4	Churachandpur, Imphal, Thoubal, Ukhrul
16	Meghalaya	2	Shillong, Tura
17	Mizoram	1	Aizwal
18	Nagaland	2	Dimapur, Mokokchung
19	Odisha	4	Gopalpur-on-Sea, Joshipur, Koraput, Puri
20	Puducherry	1	Puducherry
21	Punjab	6	Amritsar, Jalandhar, Patiala, Ropar, Sangrur, Tarn Taran
22	Rajasthan	4	Ajmer, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur
23	Sikkim	2	Gangtok, Namchi
24	Tamil Nadu	5	Chennai, Madurai, Ooty, Thanjavaur, Trichy
25	Telangana	3	Nagarjunasagar, Secunderabad, Warangal
26	Tripura	1	Agartala
27	Uttar Pradesh	2	Agra, Lucknow
28	Uttarakhand	4	Badrinath, Mussoorie, Nainital, Uttarkashi
29	West Bengal	3	Darjeeling, Burdwan, Churulia
	TOTAL	84	
