

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1889
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2016

Shortage of Hostels

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is an acute shortage of hostels in proportion to the number of students in various Universities of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the education of students is being hampered due to the shortage of the hostels in Universities; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to eliminate the shortage of hostels in cooperation with Universities and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has intimated that it has, so far, approved 3,920 hostels to Universities and Colleges in various States/Union Territories (UTs) in the country. State/UT-wise list of hostels approved by UGC in Universities and Colleges is at Annexure.

(b) to (d): As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2014-15 Report, 34.2 million students were enrolled in 760 universities in the country. Thus, the number of hostels approved by UGC is not adequate in proportion to the number of students enrolled in these Universities which may lead to some inconvenience to the students.

UGC provides block grants to Universities and Colleges under its General Development Assistance Scheme to carry out various activities including construction of hostels. The Universities and Colleges are free to prioritise execution of activities under this scheme. To ensure adequate hostels for women students, UGC also assists eligible colleges for construction of hostels under its construction of women's hostels scheme on the basis of the proposals received from them.

Further, infrastructure grants released under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), can *inter-alia* be utilized for creation/upgradation of hostels etc. in State Universities and Colleges to address their self-assessed critical infrastructure needs.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1889 FOR 28.11.2016 ASKED BY SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI, M.P. REGARDING Number of Hostels.

Sl.No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	No. of Hostels approved by UGC
1.	Andhra Pradesh	224
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	15
3.	Assam	272
4.	Bihar	323
5.	Chhattisgarh	47
6.	Goa	3
7.	Gujarat	86
8.	Haryana	29
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	13
11.	Jharkhand	42
12.	Karnataka	234
13.	Kerala	159
14.	Madhya Pradesh	163
15.	Maharashtra	599
16.	Manipur	78
17.	Meghalaya	54
18.	Mizoram	41
19.	Nagaland	70
20.	Odisha	420
21.	Puducherry	22
22.	Punjab/Chandigarh	77
23.	Rajasthan	105
24.	Sikkim	9
25.	Tamil Nadu	222
26.	Telangana	68
27.	Tripura	6
28.	Uttar Pradesh	169
29.	Uttarakhand	25
30.	West Bengal	270
31.	Delhi	72
	Total	3920