

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3011
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018

Shortage of Hostels

3011.SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of men and women hostels in proportion to the number of students in various Universities of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the same;
- (c) whether the education of students is being hampered due to the shortage of the hostels in Universities and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has provided infrastructure grants for creation/ upgradation of hostels in State Universities and Colleges; and
- (e) if so, the details of the grants provided by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State, University and college-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (c): The Government has been committed towards improving the infrastructural facilities to facilitate the higher education for the students.

According to the AISHE reports, the number of hostels for girls has increased from 2025 in 2013-14 to 2651 in 2017-18, which marks an increase of 30.91%. The intake capacity for the girls in these hostels has also increased by 15.9% (from 518455 in 2013-14 to 600928 in 2017-18). Similarly, the number of hostels for boys has increased from 2818 in 2013-14 to 3410 in 2017-18, which marks an increase of 21%. The intake capacity for the boys in these hostels has also increased by 8.72% (from 788544 in 2013-14 to 857315 in 2017-18).

Moreover, the Gross Enrolment Ratio has also improved by 12.17% (from 23.0% during 2013-14 to 25.8% during 2017-18).

Further, as informed by UGC, in the Central Universities there are 541 hostels available, out of which there are 303 mens' hostels and 238 womens hostels.

(d) &(e): As informed by UGC, development assistance has been provided to the eligible State Universities. These grants can be utilized for the development of infrastructure including construction of Hostels. These details are available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/0178726_LSPQ-No-3011-Annexure-III.pdf.

Further, grants have been provided to 41 State Universities under the scheme of womens' hostels during the XII plan period. These details are available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6028043_LSPQ-No-3011-Annexure-IV-Womens-hostel.pdf.

Grants have also been provided to the colleges under the scheme of construction of hostels. These are available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/5508915_LSPQ-No-3011-Annexure-V-2015-19.pdf.
