

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.403
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019

Number of Hostels

403. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the number of hostels in different universities across the country and, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has issued guidelines regarding the fees structure of hostels and Paying guests in university campuses in order to prevent exploitation of students, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there has been any circular issued on prevention of sexual harassment in college hostels for girls, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a): The Government has been continuously working towards improving the infrastructure in the Central Educational Institutions. The number of hostels in the Central Universities has increased from 474 in 2015-16 to 559 in 2018-19, thus marking an increase of 17.93%.

(b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that the Central Universities, being autonomous bodies governed by their respective Acts, Statutes and Ordinances are competent to take decision for prescribing the fee structure of hostels with the approval of their respective statutory bodies.

(c): The UGC has notified UGC (Prevention, prohibition and redressal of sexual harassment of women employees and students in higher educational institutions) Regulations, 2015 on 2nd May, 2016 for prevention of sexual harassment in campus including college hostels. Universities are mandated to follow this regulation.
