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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
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HOSTEL FACILITIES FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any effective steps or proposes to take any effective step to provide adequate hostel facilities in educational institutions to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and poor communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c) Education being a concurrent list subject, Educational Institutions are managed by both Central and State Government. Majority of the Educational Institutions in the country falls in the purview of the State / UT Government. Setting up of Central Institutes of higher education and scaling up capacity of the existing institutions is a continuous process. The educational projects in the country to promote and improve the educational system in collaboration with State Governments are done under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education. RUSA seeks to improve the overall quality of existing State higher educational institutions by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards and adoption of accreditation as mandatory quality assurance framework; correcting regional imbalances by facilitating access to high quality institutions in rural and semi urban areas. RUSA supports colleges and universities across the country under various components such as Equity Initiatives, Infrastructure grants to universities, Infrastructure grants to colleges, etc.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for School Education- Samagra Shiksha of the Department of School Education and Literacy, financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for carrying out various interventions to provide equitable and qualitative education, including up-

gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, setting up of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Avasiya Vidyalayas(NSCBAV). Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL). The KGBVs are set up in Educationally Backward Blocks.

Further, Samagra Shiksha provides financial assistance to states and UTs for opening and running of Residential Schools and Hostels in hilly terrain, small and sparsely populated areas for children who are in need of shelter and care, in addition to the provision of regular schools. These residential hostels have been renamed as Netaji Subhash Chandra Avasiya Vidyalayas. The financial assistance is based on the annual plans prepared by the States and UTs as per their requirements/priority.

Also, Under the 'Hostel' component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyudaya Yojana (PM-AJAY), the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations as well as Central/State Universities or Institutions funded fully or partially by the Central Government/State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, for construction of Hostels for SC Boys and Girls. The Central financial assistance is Rs.3.50 lakh per inmate for North Eastern Region, Rs.3.25 lakh per inmate for Northern Himalayan Regions (Jammu & Kashmir, Laddakh, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh) and Rs.3.00 lakh per inmate for rest of the States/Union Territories. In addition, a one-time grant of Rs.5000/- per student is also given for making provisions necessary to make these hostels functional. The responsibility for making the hostels functional and operational lies with the respective implementing agencies.
