

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4527
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2021**

HOSTELS FOR SC AND OBC STUDENTS

†4527. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to increase the capacity of hostels for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and poor children in the backward and tribal areas of the country including the Parliamentary Constituency of Gadchiroli-Chimur in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) & (b): The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment implements throughout the country, Centrally Sponsored Schemes for construction/expansion of hostels for Scheduled Caste (SC) students, namely 'Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY)', and Other Backward Class (OBC) students, namely the 'Scheme for Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls' especially those hailing from rural and remote areas and from poor families, to facilitate the continuation of their education. The Schemes are implemented through the State Govts./UTs and Central Institutions.

The schemes are demand driven, and on receipt of complete proposals from the implementing agencies, they are provided eligible central assistance as per provisions of the scheme. This Department has not received any complete proposal for construction/expansion of hostels for SC/OBC students in the Parliamentary Constituency of Gadchiroli-Chimur in Maharashtra.
