

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.424
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2021**

HOSTELS FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to construct hostels for the students of backward classes on the lines of hostels for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students;
- (b) if so, the time by which their construction work is likely to be started; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)**

(a): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is already implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls since 1998-99 to address the problem of educational backwardness of OBCs. Agencies eligible for financial assistance under the Scheme are:-

(i) State Governments and UT Administrations;

(ii) Institutions or organizations set up by the Central Government as autonomous bodies under a statute (e.g. Central Universities, IIT, NIT, etc.).

(b) & (c): As per guidelines of the scheme, the construction work of the Hostel has to be completed within eighteen months from award of work order or two years from the release of first installment of Central assistance, whichever is earlier.
