

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3071**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

**WORKING WOMEN HOSTELS IN TAMIL NADU**

**3071. MS. S JOTHIMANI:**

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and spent under the Scheme for Working Women's hostels from 2014 to 2024, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the working women hostels functioning across the country, especially in the state of Tamil Nadu including the Karur Parliamentary constituency;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to expand the number of working women's hostels in every district, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to open a working women hostel in Karur, Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of applications received and sanctioned under the Scheme in Tamil Nadu from 2014 to 2024 along with the reasons for rejecting the applications under the scheme; and
- (f) the details of the advertisements/ publicity or promotion of the scheme carried out by the Government?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

**(a) to (d)** The Sakhi Niwas Scheme (Working Women Hostel) under the overarching Mission Shakti, is a demand driven centrally sponsored scheme, under which funds are directly released to the States/UTs for its implementation. The Scheme aims to promote availability of safe and conveniently located accommodations for working women, with day care facility for their children in urban, semi urban and also in rural areas where employment opportunities for women exist. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for running of Sakhi Niwas in rented premises. The States/UTs assess their requirement as per local needs and proposals are approved by the Programme Approval Board (PAB) after discussion with State/UTs.

The State/UT-wise details of funds released under the Sakhi Niwas Scheme (Working Women Hostel) from financial years 2014-15 to 2023-2024 are at **Annexure-I**.

Presently, 463 Sakhi Niwas (Working Women Hostel) are functional across the country including Tamil Nadu. At present, there is no Sakhi Niwas functional in Karur District of Tamil Nadu. The Central Government has not received any proposal for setting up of Sakhi Niwas in Karur District from the State Government of Tamil Nadu.

(e) to (f) During the period from 2014 to 2024, only three proposals were received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu in the financial year 2020-21 for construction of working women hostels at Trichy, Guduvanchery and Tambaram. The proposals of Trichy & Guduvanchery and Tambaram were sanctioned during financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that hostel promotions are being done through social media platforms for increasing occupancy rate.

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**Annexure-I**

**Annexure with regard to reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3071 for answer on 09.08.2024 regarding Working Women Hostels in Tamil Nadu asked by Ms. S Jothimani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (LS).**

State/UT-wise details of funds released under the Sakhi Niwas Scheme (Working Women Hostel) from financial years 2014-15 to 2023-2024:

**(Amount Rupees in Lakhs)**

| <b>States/UTs</b> | <b>2014-15</b> | <b>2015-16</b> | <b>2016-17</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> | <b>2019-20</b> | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Andhra Pradesh    | 326.47         | 181.08         | 247.88         | 0.00           | 476.93         | 146.49         | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 21.52          |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 88.48          | 268.42         | 192.54         | 193.46         | 116.76         | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           |
| Assam             | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 8.83           | 7.77           | 0.00           | 7.76           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 61.47          |
| Chhattisgarh      | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 5.46           | 0.00           | 26.68          |
| Gujarat           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 183.76         | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 69.70          | 0.00           | 46.46          |
| Himachal Pradesh  | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 265.83         | 0.00           | 111.86         | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 9.29           |
| Jammu & Kashmir   | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 4.80           |
| Karnataka         | 46.67          | 0.00           | 0.00           | 973.66         | 0.00           | 482.5          | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           |
| Kerala            | 20.67          | 244.80         | 932.17         | 0.00           | 252.56         | 901.5          | 0.00           | 273.97         | 384.00         | 48.00          |
| Madhya Pradesh    | 0.00           | 0.00           | 347.99         | 0.00           | 244.03         | 0.00           | 0.00           | 191.19         | 0.00           | 0.00           |
| Maharashtra       | 0.00           | 251.76         | 0.00           | 7.17           | 161.43         | 0.00           | 36.38          | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           |
| Mizoram           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 170.62         | 136.50         | 0.00           | 40.88          | 0.00           | 0.00           |
| Manipur           | 35.32          | 92.08          | 149.74         | 462.27         | 915.51         | 169.49         | 990.61         | 164.70         | 784.85         | 58.87          |
| Nagaland          | 58.53          | 181.03         | 442.48         | 600.56         | 419.58         | 244.24         | 223.67         | 96.09          | 0.00           | 175.15         |
| Punjab            | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 136.50         | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           |
| Tamil Nadu        | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 392.18         | 350.25         | 593.94         | 0.00           |
| Telangana         | 322.89         | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 268.91         | 746.10         | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00           |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>899.03</b>  | <b>1219.17</b> | <b>2312.80</b> | <b>2695.54</b> | <b>3034.10</b> | <b>3075.18</b> | <b>1650.60</b> | <b>1192.24</b> | <b>1762.79</b> | <b>452.24</b>  |