

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. *273
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

HOSTELS FOR WORKING WOMEN

*273. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:
DR. C M RAMESH:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the Scheme for Working Women's Hostels (WWH) in the country from 2019 to 2024, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of the WWHs constructed by the Government under the said scheme during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the details of the functional WWHs along with the basic facilities available therein?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.*273 for answer on 13.12.2024 regarding Hostels for Working Women asked by Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu and Dr. C M Ramesh.

(a) to (c) The Government is committed to providing safe, secure and affordable hostel facility for working women and women aspiring to join the work force. Working women hostels are critical components for improving participation of women in the labour force, which is a major step towards realising the idea of 'Women led development'.

Sakhi Niwas Scheme [Working Women Hostel (WWH)] under the umbrella Mission Shakti, is a demand driven Centrally Sponsored Scheme where States/UTs assess their requirement as per local needs and proposals are approved by the Programme Approval Board (PAB) after discussion with States/UTs. The scheme aims to promote availability of safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women and for those women who are pursuing higher education/training, with Day care facility for children in urban, semi-urban and even rural areas where employment opportunity for women exist. In this scheme, fund is provided on rental basis. The component of new construction has been discontinued.

Prior to the launch of Mission Shakti w.e.f. 01.04.2022, Grant-in-Aid was released to the States/UTs for construction of new/ expansion of existing WWH buildings and rent for few buildings for providing hostel facilities to the working women.

Details of funds released under the Scheme for Sakhi Niwas during the period from 2019-20 to 2023-24, State-wise and year-wise are at **Annexure-I**. The details of WWH sanctioned for construction and those whose construction was completed during the last three years' period, State/UT-wise are given in **Annexure-II**. The details of functional Sakhi Niwas as received from States/UTs are at **Annexure-III**.

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Details of funds released under Sakhi Niwas (Working Women Hostel) Scheme during the last five financial years period:

(Rupees in Lakhs)

S. No.	State/UTs	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
		Funds released	Funds released	Funds released	Funds released	Funds released
1	Andhra Pradesh	146.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.52
2	Assam	0.00	7.76	0.00	0.00	61.47
3	Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.00	5.46	0.00	26.68
4	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	69.70	0.00	46.46
5	Himachal Pradesh	111.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.29
6	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.80
7	Karnataka	482.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Kerala	901.5	0.00	273.97	384.00	48.00
9	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.00	191.19	0.00	0.00
10	Maharashtra	0.00	36.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Mizoram	136.50	0.00	40.88	0.00	0.00
12	Manipur	169.49	990.61	164.70	784.85	58.87
13	Nagaland	244.24	223.67	96.09	0.00	175.15
14	Punjab	136.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Tamilnadu	0.00	392.18	350.25	593.94	0.00
16	Telangana	746.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Delhi *	179.58	300.18	11.52	0.00	0.00
	Total	3254.76	1950.78	1203.76	1762.79	452.24

* Funds released to Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) towards Tax and repairing work of Jasola Hostel.

Annexure-II

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Details of Sakhi Niwas (Working Women Hostel) sanctioned for construction and construction completed during the last three years period:

S No	Name of State	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Sanctioned	Constructed*	Sanctioned	Constructed*	Sanctioned	Constructed*
1	Andhra Pradesh	--	--	--	--	--	01
2	Chhattisgarh	--	01	--	--	--	--
3	Gujarat	--	01				
4	Kerala	--	01	--	--	--	01
5	Manipur	--		--	01	--	01
6	Mizoram	--	01	--	--	--	--
7	Nagaland	--	01	--	--	--	01
8	Tamil Nadu	01	--	--	--	--	--
	Total	01	05	--	01	--	04

*Construction completed of earlier sanctioned WWH.

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The details of functional Sakhi Niwas (WWH)

S. No	State/UTs	Number of Functional Sakhi Niwas (WWH)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	05
3.	A&N Islands	00
4.	Assam	10
5.	Bihar	00
6.	Chandigarh	06
7.	Chhattisgarh	06
8.	Daman & Diu and Dadra & N H	00
9.	Delhi	15
10.	Goa	00
11.	Gujarat	14
12.	Haryana	07
13.	Himachal Pradesh	06
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	01
15.	Jharkhand	02
16.	Karnataka	62
17.	Kerala	138
18.	Ladakh	00
19.	Lakshadweep	00
20.	Madhya Pradesh	02
21.	Maharashtra	74
22.	Manipur	18
23.	Meghalaya	04
24.	Mizoram	03
25.	Nagaland	11
26.	Odisha	11
27.	Puducherry	04
28.	Punjab	00
29.	Rajasthan	15
30.	Sikkim	01
31.	Tamil Nadu	60
32.	Telangana	17
33.	Tripura	00
34.	Uttarakhand	00
35.	Uttar Pradesh	08
36.	West Bengal	00
Total*		523

* As per information received from States/UTs.