

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5568**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2025

**HOSTELS FOR WORKING WOMEN**

5568. SHRI DAMODAR AGRAWAL:  
SHRI KULDEEP INDORA:  
SHRI HARISH CHANDRA MEENA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to build residential units/hostels for working women in various parts of the country including Rajasthan, district-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken for the safety of working women;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to build working women hostels in the Sriganganagar, Tonk Sawai Madhopur and Hanumangarh districts of Rajasthan in first phase of this scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of Government hostels available at present for working women across the country, State-wise; and
- (e) whether land acquisition and construction plan for hostels have been finalised in said district, if so, the details thereof along with any timeline for completion/operationalisation of said hostels in the said districts?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (e): 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 and 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 exists. In this scheme, fund is provided on rental basis. The component of new greenfield construction has been discontinued.

However, the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance, under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) has allocated Rs.5000.00 crore for greenfield construction of WWH to 28 States during the financial year 2024-25. After assessing their needs and requirements, 28 States submitted proposals of construction of WWH to the DoE. Based on their proposals, DoE has released 1<sup>st</sup> installment to 28 States for construction of WWH during the financial year 2024-25.

The Empowered Committee under the framework of Nirbhaya Fund has also appraised greenfield construction of WWH i.e. 7 in Uttarakhand, 3 in Uttar Pradesh, 7 in Nagaland, 1 in Punjab, 3 in Tamil Nadu and 1 for the University of Delhi.

The State Government of Rajasthan has informed that they have submitted proposal of Rs.165.32 crore to the DoE for construction of WWH in 41 Districts under SASCI Scheme during the financial year 2024-25. These 41 Districts include Sriganganagar, Tonk, Sawai Madhopur and Hanumangarh Districts. The first instalment of Rs.109.11 crore has been received by them during the financial year 2024-25. It has also been informed by the State Government that Land has been allotted in these four Districts for construction of 50 bedded WWH.

Presently, 523 Sakhi Niwas are functional across the country and the State-wise details are at **Annexure.**

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Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.5568 for answer on 04.04.2024 regarding Hostels for Working Women raised by Shri Damodar Agrawal, Shri Kuldeep Indora and Shri Harish Chandra Meena, Hon'ble Members of Parliament(LS).

**The State/UT-wise 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 & Nagar Haveli	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
<b>Total*</b>		<b>523</b>

\* As per information received from States/UTs.

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