

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2154
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

WORKING WOMEN'S HOSTELS SCHEMES IN ODISHA

2154. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated and spent under the Working Women's Hostels scheme from 2014 to 2024, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the working women's hostels functioning across the country, especially in Odisha;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to expand the number of working women's hostels in every district, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of applications received/sanctioned under the Scheme in Odisha from 2024 onwards; and
- (e) the details of the advertisements/publicity/promotion of the scheme carried out by the Government?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) 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 and 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. The States and UTs assess their requirement as per local needs and proposals are approved by the Programme Approval Board (PAB) after discussion with States and UTs. In this Scheme, financial assistance is provided for running of Sakhi Niwas in rented premises and construction component has been discontinued.

State/UT-wise details of funds released under Sakhi Niwas Scheme (Working Women Hostel) from Financial Year 2014-15 to 2024-2025 are at **Annexure-I**.

Presently, 538 Sakhi Niwas (Working Women Hostel) are functional across the country including Odisha. Details of functional Sakhi Niwas (WWH) across the country are at **Annexure-II**.

(d) to (e) The State Government of Odisha had submitted 22 and 06 new proposals for setting up Sakhi Niwas on rental mode for consideration in the PAB meeting during Financial Years 2024-25 and 2025-26 respectively. These proposals have been approved by PAB.

Ministry of Finance (MoF), Department of Expenditure (DoE) in August, 2024 has also allocated Rs.5,000/- crores to 28 States under Part (X) (Construction of Working Women Hostels) of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme for construction of working women hostel. Under this Scheme, Rs.189.00 crore has been allocated to the State of Odisha. The State Government of Odisha has submitted proposal for construction of one hostel of 4000 bed at the total cost of Rs.189.00 crore. This proposal has been approved by DoE and 1st instalment of Rs.124.74 crore has been released by DoE to the State Government of Odisha during 2024-25.

The State Government has informed that they have taken several steps to publicize the Working Women's Hostels (WWH) scheme across the State i.e. awareness created through community outreach, awareness camps, and workshops at the District and Block levels, in collaboration with local bodies and women's organizations.

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Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2154 for answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Working Women's Hostels Schemes in Odisha asked by Shri Baijayant Panda, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (LS).

State/UT-wise details of fund released under Sakhi Niwas Scheme (Working Women Hostel) from Financial Year 2014-15 to 2024-2025

(Amount Rupees in Lakhs)

States/UTs	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Andhra Pradesh	326.47	181.08	247.88	0.00	476.93	146.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.52	0.00
Arunachal Pradesh	88.48	268.42	192.54	193.46	116.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	147.02
Assam	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.83	7.77	0.00	7.76	0.00	0.00	61.47	54.84
Bihar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.46	0.00	26.68	4.98
Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00	183.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.70	0.00	46.46	0.00
Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	265.83	0.00	111.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.29	4.65
J&K	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.80	37.24
Karnataka	46.57	0.00	0.00	973.66	0.00	482.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kerala	20.66	244.80	932.17	0.00	252.56	901.5	0.00	273.97	384.00	48.00	102.12
Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.00	347.99	0.00	244.03	0.00	0.00	191.19	0.00	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	25.55
Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.62	136.50	0.00	40.88	0.00	0.00	49.67
Manipur	35.32	92.08	149.74	462.28	915.51	169.49	990.61	164.70	784.85	58.87	81.55
Nagaland	58.53	181.03	442.48	600.56	419.58	244.24	223.67	96.09	0.00	175.15	27.87
Odisha	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.99
Punjab	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	136.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.14
Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	392.18	350.25	593.94	0.00	108.31
Telangana	322.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	268.91	746.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
U.P.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.71
Delhi*	6.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	179.58	300.18	11.52	0.00	0.00	3.02
Total	904.97	1219.17	2312.80	2695.55	3034.10	3254.76	1950.78	1203.76	1762.79	452.24	813.66

* Funds released to UT of Delhi in r/o Tax and repairing work of Jasola Hostel except FY 2024-25.

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Details of functional Sakhi Niwas (WWH)

S. No	States/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	85
22.	Manipur	18
23.	Meghalaya	03
24.	Mizoram	03
25.	Nagaland	16
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*		538

* As per information received from States/UTs.