

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2661  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2025**

**HOSTELS FOR SC/ST STUDENTS IN PUNJAB**

**2661. SHRI MALVINDER SINGH KANG:**

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

- (a) the details of the number of hostels constructed for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Schedule Tribes and Other Backward Classes in the State of Punjab during the last two years;
- (b) the number of proposals for construction of hostels which are pending in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the said hostels during the last two years and the current financial year; and
- (d) the details of the new additional coaching arrangement made for the students staying in the hostel?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

(a): During the last two years, no proposals have been received from the State Government of Punjab for construction of hostels for Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBC).

(b): For Scheduled caste (SC) students, two proposals for construction of Hostels (one boys' and one girls') pertaining to Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (Central University), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh have been recently received in the Department. Other than these, no other proposals received from State/Union Territory as per Scheme guidelines are pending.

For Other Backward Class (OBC) students, there are no proposals pending, as received from the States as per the scheme guidelines.

(c): No funds have been released to the State of Punjab for construction of hostels for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the last two financial years as well as the current financial year. However, for hostels meant for Other Backward Classes, an amount of ₹112.5 lakh has been released to the State Government of Punjab during the current financial year 2025-26, while no funds were released in the preceding two years

(d): Under the Hostel component of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PMAJAY) scheme, funds are released for construction & maintenance of hostels. There is no provision for additional coaching or academic support arrangements for students residing in hostel constructed under the Hostel component of PM-AJAY scheme.

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