

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3311
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025

ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WORKING WOMEN'S HOSTELS

3311. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance under the Central Scheme of Assistance for Construction/Expansion of Hostel Buildings for Working Women with Day-Care Centre, specifically for Tiruchirapalli and Pudukottai districts in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details of such assistance, including amounts sanctioned, year of approval, implementing agency and current status of construction/renovation in said districts;
- (c) the number of working women's hostels currently operational in the said districts alongwith the total bed capacity made available through Central/State funding;
- (d) whether any additional funds are proposed/planned under future budget allocations to expand safe, affordable lodging with day-care facilities for working women in said districts, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Ministry is approving/expediting such hostels to support women's employment and welfare in semi-urban and rural regions, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Sakhi Niwas Scheme [Working Women Hostel (WWH)] under the umbrella of 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 and 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 for rental accommodation. Component of new construction has been discontinued.

The erstwhile Working Women Hostel (WWH) Scheme was launched in 1972-73 to provide Grant-in-Aid for construction of new/ expansion of existing buildings for providing hostel facilities to working women. It is now known as Sakhi Niwas under Mission Shakti since April, 2022. The available details of functional Sakhi Niwas in Tiruchirapalli and Pudukottai Districts are at **Annexure-I**.

Besides above, Ministry of Finance (MoF), Department of Expenditure (DoE) in August, 2024 has 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 hostels. Under this Scheme, Rs.223.00 crore has been allocated to the government of Tamil Nadu. They submitted proposals for construction of hostels in 14 Districts at the total cost of Rs.223.00 crore. The proposals of state government have been approved by DoE and 1st instalment of Rs.147.18 crore has been released by DoE to the State Government during 2024-25. Details of proposals approved under the Scheme are at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE WITH REGARD TO REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3311 FOR ANSWER ON 08.08.2025 REGARDING ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WORKING WOMEN'S HOSTELS ASKED BY SHRI DURAI VAIKO, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (LS).

Details of functional Sakhi Niwas in Tiruchirapalli and Pudukottai Districts

S.N	District	Name of the Functional Hostels with Address	Year of approval	Name of the Implementing Organisation	Total Bed Capacity
1	Tiruchirapalli	Young Women's Christian Association, Reynold Road, Cantonment, Trichy-623001	1977-78	Young Women's Christian Association	30
2		BHEL- Grama Valarchi Panikuzhu, Working Women Hostel, Bhel Township, Trichy-620014	1983-84	BHEL- Grama Valarchi Panikuzhu	100
3		Holy Cross Hostel-Amaithi Nilaiyam, Bharathi Nagar Extn., Anna Nagar, Allithurai Road, Puthur, Trichy - 620017	1983-84	Holy Cross Hostel-Amaithi Nilaiyam	100
4		Tamilnadu Pengal Nala Sangham, Annai Ashramam Campus, Vinobha Nagar, Airport, Trichy - 620007	1985-86	Tamilnadu Pengal Nala Sangham	72
5		Kasthuri Ba Working Women's Hostel, 3/2 Wiliams Road, Cantonment, Trichy-620001	1985-86	Kasthuri Ba Working Women's Hostel	100
6		St. Mary's Working Women's Hostel-TMSSS, Marsingpet Road, Melapudur, Trichy - 620001	1987-88	St. Mary's Working Women's Hostel-TMSSS	120
7		Ponni-Bharathidasan University, Working Women Hostel, Ponni Hostel, Bharathidasan University, Palkalai Perur, Trichy-620024	1987-88	Ponni-Bharathidasan University	300
8		J.J Educational Health and Charitable Trust, Amma Pettai, Poolangulathupatti Post, Trichy - 620009.	2001-02	J.J Educational Health and Charitable Trust	200
9		Thozhi Trichy Hostel, No.33, Herber Road, Cantonment, Near Mayor Bungalow, Tiruchirappalli, 620001	2020-21	Tamil Nadu Working Women's Hostels Corporation Ltd (TNWWHCL)	100
10	Pudukottai	Pudukottai Thozhi Hostel, T.S.No 3760, 2 nd Melaveethi, Santhanathapuram, Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu, 622001	2024-25 (State fund)	Tamil Nadu Working Women's Hostels Corporation Ltd (TNWWHCL)	36

Annexure-II

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Details of hostels approved for construction in the
State of Tamil Nadu under SASCI Scheme

(Amount Rupees in Crore)

Sl. No.	District	Number of Hostel	Number of Beds	Amount Approved
1	Chennai (Taramani)	1	450	36.69
2	Chennai (Chepauk)	1	500	42.00
3	Madurai	1	50	5.19
4	Coimbatore	1	200	15.95
5	Kancheepuram	1	200	15.12
6	Erode	1	100	9.64
7	Krishnagiri	1	100	10.86
8	Nagapattinam	1	100	9.98
9	Cuddalore	1	50	5.19
10	Dharmapuri	1	50	5.19
11	Theni	1	50	5.19
12	Sivagangai	1	50	5.19
13	Ranipet	1	50	5.45
14	Krishnagiri	1	1495	51.36
	Total	14	3445	223.00
