

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1307**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2026

**WOMEN HOSTELS AND CHILD-CARE CENTRES**

1307. SMT. ANITA NAGARSINGH CHOUHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is an absence of safe women's hostels/crèche facilities for working women, girl students and women employed in the industrial and service sectors in the tribal-dominated Ratlam-Jhabua-Alirajpur Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh, adversely affects the continuity of women's education and employment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish new working women's hostels/child-care centres in this region under the Working Women Hostel Scheme and the National Crèche Scheme;
- (d) if so, the number of proposals approved so far along with their proposed locations, capacities and timelines; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the future action plan proposed in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (e) Sakhi Niwas Scheme [Working Women Hostel (WWH)] under the overarching Mission Shakti, is a demand driven centrally sponsored scheme where States/UTs assess their requirement as per local needs and their 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 exists. In this scheme, fund is provided for rental accommodation.

Presently, 3 Sakhi Niwas (01 in Bhopal and 02 in Indore) are functional under Sakhi Niwas and as informed by the State, there is no Sakhi Niwas functional in Ratlam–Jhabua–Alirajpur districts.

Further, 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.284.00 crore has been allocated to the government of Madhya Pradesh and State Govt. has submitted 08 proposals for construction of hostels in Districts of Dhar, Ujjain, Raisen, Singroli, Jhabua, Dewas, Narmadapuram and Bhind at the total cost of Rs.284.00 crore. The proposals of State Government have been approved by Department of Expenditure (DoE) and 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Rs.187.44 crore released by Department of Expenditure (DoE) to the State Government during 2024-25.

During the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission period, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has introduced Anganwadi-cum-Creches (AWCCs)-Palna under the Samarthyaa Vertical of Umbrella Mission Shakti for all States and UTs w.e.f. 01 April 2022, to provide day care facilities and protection to children.

States/UTs are encouraged to submit proposals for opening more Anganwadi-cum-Creches (AWCCs) in the Programme Approval Board (PAB) meetings which are held with the State Governments and UT Administrations annually. In the PAB meeting, 448 Anganwadi-cum-Creches (AWCCs) were approved by the Programme Approval Board (PAB) for the State of Madhya Pradesh.

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