

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Youth Affairs**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5819
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026**

Status of Youth Hostels in Maharashtra

**5819. DR. BACHHAV SHOBHA DINESH:
MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:
SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL:**

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of youth hostels established and operational in Maharashtra, particularly in Sangli, Solapur, Nandurbar, Bhandara and Dhule districts along with the occupancy/utilisation rates compared to demand;

(b) whether the Government has assessed that current facility standards, affordability and accessibility criteria may be inadequate for students and young travellers, particularly from rural areas;

(c) the details of international exchange programmes linked with youth hostels and the extent of participation of youth from Maharashtra, particularly from Sangli, including barriers such as lack of awareness, language support or financial aid; and

(d) the details of monitoring, feedback and grievance redressal mechanisms in place to ensure quality, safety and equitable access to youth hostels for youth across all regions of the said State?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA]**

a) Two Youth Hostels have been constructed in the State of Maharashtra, located at Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad) and Buldhana. No Youth Hostel has been established in the districts of Sangli, Solapur, Nandurbar, Bhandara or Dhule.

(b) Under the Youth Hostel Scheme, land is provided by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations, while construction is undertaken by the Central Government. The scheme is designed to provide safe and affordable accommodation to youth, including students and young travellers, at nominal charges, and is accessible to all youth in the age group of 15–29 years irrespective of their background or region. However, no such assessment has been carried out in this regards.

(c) The international exchange programmes of the Department of Youth Affairs are implemented under the International Cooperation Sub-Scheme of Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK), under which International Youth Exchange Programmes are organised with various countries in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs. These programmes are not linked to youth hostels. These programmes are designed to promote exchange of ideas, values and culture amongst youth of different countries and to provide international exposure to Indian youth. As these are bilateral engagements conducted in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs, participation is not disaggregated by State or district.

(d) The day-to-day operations of Youth Hostels are managed by the Hostel Management Committees (HMCs) constituted by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations, which are responsible for maintenance, safety, and service standards. Monitoring is undertaken at the State/UT level, with oversight by the Department of Youth Affairs. Feedback and grievance redressal are addressed locally through complaint registers and oversight by the HMCs to ensure quality, safety, and equitable access.
