

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3364
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2016

WORKING WOMEN HOSTELS

3364. SHRI ANSHUL VERMA:
SHRI HARINARAYAN RAJBHAR:

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

- (a) the number of Working Women Hostels (WWHs) including hostels with day care centres presently operational in the country, State/UT-wise along with the criteria/norms laid down for opening and granting/extending financial assistance for the purpose;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the shortage of such hostels in the country and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has received some proposals from States/UTs including Kerala and Punjab and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for construction of hostels under the scheme of WWHs and if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the provisions made for safety/security indicating installation of CCTV cameras, availability of quality food and habitable living conditions for women in such hostels including private hostels during the said period; and
- (e) the mechanism available with the Government to assess functioning of such hostels and the study, if any, made in this regard and the further measures taken by the Government to make the scheme more effective and check mis-utilisation of fund thereunder?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

- (a) Since inception of the Scheme in 1972-73, 926 hostels have been sanctioned all over the country creating capacity for about 69,466 working women and 9,509 children. State/ UT wise list of Working Women Hostels sanctioned so far is at Annexure-I. As per the norms of the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the eligible implementing organizations such as State Government agencies and Civil Society Organizations etc. upto 75% of the cost of construction of the hostel building for working women on public land as per the prescribed area norms and schedule of rate of the respective State Public Works Department. There is also a provision of extending financial assistance for hostels to be run in rented premises. Corporate houses or associations like CII, ASSOCHAM, FICCI etc., can also seek financial assistance for a matching grant (50:50) for hostel building construction on public land only. There is also a provision of one-time non-recurring grant @ Rs. 7500/- per inmate for purchase of furniture and furnishings.

- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) During the last three years and the current financial year, 55 new proposals have been received under the Scheme and 30 new hostels have been sanctioned as per details given in Annexure-II.
- (d) To provide safety for single working women, a provision has been made in Scheme guidelines revised in 2015 to install CCTV Cameras in Working Women Hostels. Provision of Washing Machine and Geysers/ Solar Water Heating System have also been made in the revised guidelines of the Scheme.
- (e) Regular monitoring of the functioning of the hostel is the responsibility of the District Women Welfare Committee under the Chairpersonship of District Collector/ District Magistrate/ Municipal Commissioner. In case, implementing agency mis-utilises the financial assistance or use the hostel building for any other purpose, the Government of India through the Ministry or State Government is entitled to take over the hostel building and/ or assets created by the grant-in-aid provided under the scheme. The criminal proceeding may also be initiated by lodging an FIR against the defaulting implementing agency, and strict legal action taken in order to recover grant with penal rate of interest as agreed in the bond furnished before the release of grant. The Scheme has been evaluated by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and recommended its continuation.

State-wise List of Sanctioned Working Women Hostels with Day Care Centre (DCC)

S. No.	State/U.T.	No. of Sanctioned Hostels Women	Capacity of Working	No. of DCC	Capacity of Children
1.	Andhra Pradesh	39	2955	20	670
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	13	706	5	130
3.	Assam	14	799	5	79
4.	Bihar	6	266	3	75
5.	Chhattisgarh	10	486	3	60
6.	Goa	2	120	0	0
7.	Gujarat	26	1218	6	180
8.	Haryana	20	1561	9	265
9.	Himachal Pradesh	13	477	0	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	5	360	2	35
11.	Jharkhand	2	214	1	30
12.	Karnataka	52	4753	19	470
13.	Kerala	154	14750	88	2431
14.	Madhya Pradesh	62	3438	12	371
15.	Maharashtra	139	10527	48	1170
16.	Manipur	22	1272	13	367
17.	Meghalaya	3	214	1	15
18.	Mizoram	4	149	0	0
19.	Nagaland	18	1048	3	65
20.	Orissa	29	1825	8	140
21.	Punjab	14	1417	4	110
22.	Rajasthan	39	1868	13	320
23.	Sikkim	2	144	1	30
24.	Tamil Nadu	96	6900	40	1052
25.	Telangana	21	1427	5	220
26.	Tripura	1	50	0	0
27.	Uttar Pradesh	41	3190	16	494
28.	Uttarakhand	7	538	2	90
29.	West Bengal	38	2639	16	406
Total States		892	65311	343	9275
Union Territories					
1.	Chandigarh	7	736	2	55
2.	Delhi	20	3086	6	179
3.	Pondicherry	4	221	0	0
Total UTs		31	4043	8	234
All India Total		923	69354	351	9509
Hotels in rented premises					
1.	Rajasthan	1	25	--	--
2.	Maharashtra	2	87	--	--
Total (As on 1.08.2016)		926	69466	351	9509

Annexure-II

STATE/ UT-WISE DETAILS OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED AND SANCTIONED UNDER THE SCHEME OF WORKING WOMEN HOSTEL DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR :

S. No.	Year	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (As on 1.08.2015)	
	Name of State	Received	Sanctioned	Received	Sanctioned	Received	Sanctioned	Received	Sanctioned
01	Andhra Pradesh	06	---	---	05	---	---	---	---
02.	Arunachal Pradesh	---	01	---	---	01	01	---	---
03.	Assam	---	---	---	---	01	---	---	---
04.	Gujarat	02	---	---	02	---	---	---	---
05.	Himachal Pradesh	---	---	---	---	02	---	---	---
06.	Karnataka	---	01	---	---	01	---	---	---
07.	Kerala	05	04	06	---	---	04	---	---
08.	Madhya Pradesh	---	---	---	---	02	---	---	---
09.	Maharashtra	01	---	03	---	02	04	---	---
10.	Manipur	08	01	---	01	02	02	---	---
11.	Nagaland	05	01	02	01	06	01	---	---
12.	Telangana	---	---	---	01	---	---	---	---
	Total	27	08	11	10	17	12	00	00