

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1255
ANSWERED ON 27/07/2026**

Hostel Accommodation for OBC Students in Central Universities

1255 Shri Rahul Gandhi:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of students enrolled in each Central University, social category-wise, including the number of Other Backward Class (OBC) students;
- (b) the details of the total number of hostel seats available along with the number of hostel seats reserved for OBC students in each Central University;
- (c) whether reservation for OBC students is implemented in the allotment of hostel accommodation in Central Universities, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of funds allocated during the last ten years for the provision of hostel accommodation to OBC students in Central Universities, year-wise, along with the hostel capacity created and expenditure incurred thereunder and the number of students accommodated therein, social category-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding the financial burden on students due to non-availability of hostel accommodation in Central Universities, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (e) Education is a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and comes under the purview of both the Central and State Governments.

At present, a total of 3,09,542 students are enrolled in 47 Central Universities. The details of hostels available in Central Universities and the number of students accommodated therein are enclosed at Annexure-1. Approximately 32% of the students residing in the hostels of Central Universities belong to the OBC category.

All Central Universities are statutory autonomous organisations established under the respective Central Acts of Parliament and governed by their Acts, Statutes and Ordinances made thereunder. The Universities are competent to take administrative and academic decisions, including allotment of hostel accommodation, with the approval of their respective Statutory Bodies.

With the increasing number of students, additional hostel infrastructure is being created by the Universities from time to time to meet students' accommodation requirements. The Central Government supports development of university infrastructure, including hostels, through Grant-in-Aid and funding from Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA). It may be noted that during FY 2013-14, ₹ 5603.79 crore was released as grant to Central Universities. From FY 2014-15 to FY 2025-26, ₹ 1,13,943.55 crore was released to Central Universities (Annexure-2). During the year 2026-27, an amount of ₹ 17,440 crore has been allocated. These funds are utilized by the Universities for meeting their academic, administrative and infrastructural requirements in accordance with their priorities.

The Union Budget 2026–27 announced provision of Viability Gap Funding (VGF)/capital support for girls' hostels in Higher Education Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) institutions, covering every district.

Further, the OBC Expansion Scheme was introduced to facilitate implementation of 27% reservation for OBCs in Central Higher Educational Institutions through corresponding expansion of institutional capacity. The Scheme was implemented for a period of five years commencing from 2008-09, with the utilisation period for non-recurring/building grants subsequently extended up to 31.03.2019. Financial assistance was provided to 13 Central Universities under recurring and non-recurring heads. Under the OBC Expansion Scheme, an amount of ₹2,496.93 crore was released during 2008-09 to 2018-19 to 13 Central Universities. The grant releases were primarily concentrated during the implementation phase of the Scheme, with further releases made during the extended utilisation period.

The Government is implementing different scholarship schemes for providing financial assistance to all categories of students including students belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) and other weaker section, subject to extant scheme guidelines. As per information provided by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DSJE), the DSJE is implementing PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and others (PM-YASASVI) comprising of component schemes namely, Post Matric Scholarship and Top-Class College Education, to promote Other Backward Classes (OBC), Economically Backward Classes (EBC) and DNT students to pursue higher education in the country; and Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS-OBC) comprising of component schemes namely, National Fellowship for OBC (NFOBC) and Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs). In addition, the Department of Higher Education (DHE) implements the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Yojana and PM-Vidyalaxmi under which financial assistance is provided, as per Scheme guidelines, to students pursuing higher education in India, including those belonging to OBC and other weaker sections from rural and other remote areas.

Annexure referred to in the reply to Part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 1255 answered on 27.07.2026 asked by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Rahul Gandhi regarding Hostel Accommodation for OBC Students in Central Universities

DETAIL OF HOSTELS IN CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES AS ON 01.04.2026

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Name of the University	Total Number of Hostels	No. of Girls Hostels out of total hostels as indicated at S.no. 1	Total No. of Rooms in the University Hostels			Total No. of Residents in the University Hostels			GEN	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	TG	FOREIGN	TOTAL	PWBD
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	NON-NER CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES																		
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ANDHRA PRADESH	2	1	550	329	879	573	638	1211	335	242	80	531	23	0	0	1211	0
2		CENTRAL TRIBAL UNIVERSITY OF ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3		NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, TIRUPATI	10	6	269	160	429	573	643	1216	374	143	65	534	90	0	3	1209	7
4	BIHAR	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH BIHAR	3	2	300	282	582	594	941	1535	354	214	74	645	247	0	1	1535	18
5		MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	1	1	0	24	24	0	42	42	22	3	2	10	5	0	0	42	2
6	CHHATTISGARH	GURU GHASIDAS VISHWAVIDYALAYA	10	5	765	551	1316	974	903	1877	538	274	125	741	189	0	0	1867	10
7	DELHI	UNIVERSITY OF DELHI	20	9	868	1515	2412	988	1830	2818	1412	332	278	466	44	0	286	2818	105
8		JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA	20	6	438	650	1088	1450	2001	3451	2377	11	27	905	27	0	41	3388	63
9		JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY	18	10	2677	1614	4291	3282	2514	5796	1587	811	427	2162	754	0	55	5796	243
10		CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI	30	13	802	494	1296	2001	1452	3453	1949	286	227	790	201	0	0	3453	11
11		SHRI LBS RS VIDYAPEETH, NEW DELHI	1	0	50	0	50	93	0	93	54	1	2	17	19	0	0	93	0
12	GUJARAT	C.U. OF GUJARAT	4	2	120	110	230	240	304	544	223	64	29	170	48	0	6	540	4
13	HARYANA	C.U. OF HARYANA	7	4	315	420	735	1089	1451	2540	694	416	120	953	349	0	0	2532	8
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	C.U. OF HIMACHAL PRADESH	3	2	42	50	92	66	99	165	68	26	10	39	22	0	0	165	0
15	JAMMU & KASHMIR	C.U. OF JAMMU	6	1	325	196	521	671	415	1086	486	126	66	340	68	0	0	1086	0
16		C.U. OF KASHMIR	1	1	0	10	10	0	28	28	15	1	5	6	1	0	0	28	0
17	JHARKHAND	C.U. OF JHARKHAND	4	2	418	382	800	534	552	1086	371	140	101	417	57	0	0	1086	0
18	KARNATAKA	C.U. OF KARNATAKA	12	5	535	514	1049	1589	1445	3034	897	469	205	1255	208	0	0	3034	14
19	KERALA	C.U. OF KERALA	10	6	383	467	850	618	1209	1827	424	270	109	927	80	2	2	1814	18

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20	MADHYA PRADESH	DR. HARISINGH GOUR VISHWAVIDYALAYA	8	3	627	430	1057	873	644	1517	402	237	103	653	111	0	0	1506	14
21		INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL TRIBAL UNIV.	6	3	339	403	742	1313	1522	2835	723	390	382	1116	218	0	0	2829	6
22	MAHARASHTRA	M.G.A. HINDI VISHWAVIDYALAYA	8	2	878	372	1250	720	321	1041	272	185	44	464	76	0	0	1041	14
23	ODISHA	C.U. OF ODISHA	3	2	238	238	476	468	460	928	131	88	53	166	30	0	0	468	1
24	PUNJAB	C.U. OF PUNJAB	4	2	355	355	710	1065	1040	2105	674	346	131	682	230	0	42	2105	7
25	PUDUCHERRY	PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY	23	9	1385	1294	2679	2747	3108	5855	1432	777	340	2824	404	0	28	5805	66
26	RAJASTHAN	C.U. OF RAJASTHAN	8	4	893	464	1357	1449	1220	2669	900	346	131	1232	52	0	8	2669	0
27	TAMIL NADU	C.U. OF TAMIL NADU	8	4	453	451	904	882	1282	2164	338	420	97	1207	94	0	8	2164	5
28	TELANGANA	M.A. N. URDU UNIVERSITY	8	3	374	239	613	1335	1036	2371	941	22	82	982	332	0	3	2362	25
29		UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD	23	10	1650	1308	2958	2850	2431	5281	1276	902	434	2121	520	0	2	5255	26
30		THE ENGLISH & FOREIGN LANGUAGES UNIV.	5	3	675	634	1309	788	924	1712	554	239	131	563	133	0	65	1685	27
31	UTTARAKHAND	H.N.B. GARHWAL UNIVERSITY	18	7	459	740	1199	555	865	1420	583	205	69	442	115	0	0	1414	6
32	UTTAR PRADESH	ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY	79	23	2922	1546	4468	8088	5340	13428	7954	110	154	4649	149	0	49	13065	363
33		BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY	72	34	5031	3157	8188	8426	5773	14199	6247	1808	810	3792	541	0	576	13774	425
34		BABASAHEB BHIMRAO AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY	11	6	324	476	800	697	1043	1740	457	669	185	235	153	0	11	1710	34
35		UNIVERSITY OF ALLAHABAD	18	7	1859	859	2718	1495	1301	2796	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	WEST BENGAL	VISVA BHARATI	27	10	670	564	1234	1631	1305	2936	1268	430	198	780	290	0	89	3055	25
	TOTAL (I) (NON-NER CENTRAL UNIVS)		491	208	27989	21298	49316	50717	46082	96799	36332	11003	5296	32816	5880	2	1275	92604	1547
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37	ASSAM	ASSAM UNIVERSITY	11	6	240	360	600	350	414	764	307	115	61	205	76	0	0	764	0
38		TEZPUR UNIVERSITY	18	10	1561	1277	2838	2781	2173	4954	1882	628	504	1615	264	0	56	4949	5
39	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY	17	9	740	463	1203	935	794	1729	264	64	1124	176	68	0	0	1696	33
40	MANIPUR	MANIPUR UNIVERSITY	22	13	500	580	1080	875	541	1416	105	339	417	577	17	0	0	1455	10
41	MEGHALAYA	NORTH EASTERN HILL UNIV.	25	12	421	474	895	888	1001	1889	486	167	997	184	49	0	6	1889	4
42	MIZORAM	MIZORAM UNIVERSITY	19	9	576	413	989	924	770	1694	196	69	1287	91	51	0	0	1694	5

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43	NAGALAND	NAGALAND UNIVERSITY	32	16	992	960	1952	1489	967	2456	68	66	1410	107	12	0	0	1663	1
44	SIKKIM	SIKKIM UNIVERSITY	16	6	101	188	289	210	248	458	128	70	66	153	32	0	8	457	1
45	TRIPURA	TRIPURA UNIVERSITY	6	3	95	148	243	151	265	416	163	52	109	86	6	0	0	416	2
	TOTAL (II) (NER)		166	84	5226	4863	10089	8603	7173	15776	3599	1570	5975	3194	575	0	70	14983	61
	GRANT TOTAL (I+II)		657	292	33215	26161	59405	59320	53255	112575	39931	12573	11271	36010	6455	2	1345	107587	1608

ANNEXURE-2

Annexure referred to in the reply to Part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 1255 answered on 27.07.2026 asked by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Rahul Gandhi regarding Hostel Accommodation for OBC Students in Central Universities.

S. No.	Year	Grant Released (in ₹ Crore)
1	2013-14	5603.79
2	2014-15	5634.85
3	2015-16	5558.78
4	2016-17	6312.14
5	2017-18	7286.33
6	2018-19	6608.60
7	2019-20	7988.74
8	2020-21	8639.08
9	2021-22	8953.45
10	2022-23	11288.55
11	2023-24	12546.43
12	2024-25	16058.81
13	2025-26	17067.79
Total of S. No 2 to 13		₹ 1,13,943.55