

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3776
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2026**

STATUS OF SC STUDENT HOSTELS UNDER PM-AJAY

3776. SHRI BASTIPATI NAGARAJU:

SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Scheduled Caste (SC) student hostels sanctioned under the Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana component of PM-AJAY, State and district-wise including the number sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised along with the physical progress of hostels under construction, hostel, State and district-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of hostels completed under the Scheme that remain non-operational, along with the reasons therefor, State and district-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether any physical inspection, geo-tagged verification or third-party assessment has been conducted for PM-AJAY hostels in Andhra Pradesh to assess infrastructure adequacy, staffing and occupancy; and
- (e) if so, the details and findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

(a) to (c): Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which came into existence in the year 2021-22 by merging the three existing schemes, i.e. Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) [now called Adarsh Gram]; Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP) [now called Grants-in-Aid] and Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY) [now called SC Hostels]. Under the hostel component of PM-AJAY, since 2021-22 to 2025-26, a total of 90 hostels have been sanctioned in 66 districts, benefitting 10,649 beneficiaries and an amount of Rs. 198.52 crore has been released. The state-wise details of funds released, hostels sanctioned along with completion of hostels and physical progress (including the State of Andhra Pradesh) are placed at **Annexure**.

(d) to (e): Physical inspection of the hostels under PM-AJAY has been done by National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), a Subordinate Office under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. PM-AJAY scheme has also been evaluated through the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog. The evaluation covered all three components of the scheme i.e. Adarsh Gram, Grants-in-aid and Hostels, across multiple States and assessed its relevance, effectiveness and outcomes. The study found that PM-AJAY is aligned with the National Development priorities and has contributed to improvement in basic infrastructure, educational access and socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Caste communities. The hostels sanctioned including hostels for Andhra Pradesh, under hostel component of PM-AJAY scheme, the geo-tagging and geo-fencing have been done and is reflected on the PM-AJAY portal.

Annexure in respect of part (a) to (e) of the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3776 on Status of SC Student Hostels under PM-AJAY

The state wise details of 90 hostels sanctioned during 2021-22 to 2025-26 are as under:

S.No.	States/UTs	No. of districts covered	No. of Hostels sanctioned	No. Beneficiaries covered	Funds released (Rs. in Cr.)	No. of Hostels completed
1	Andhra Pradesh	16	25	2,930	33.14	0
2	Assam	5	7	1,000	14.29	0
3	Bihar	0	0	0	0	0
4	Chatisgarh	0	0	0	0	0
5	Gujarat	0	0	0	0	0
6	Haryana	3	3	584	2.58	0
7	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
8	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0.40	0
9	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0
10	Karnataka	8	11	975	21.9	0
11	Kerala	0	0	0	2.70	0
12	Madhya Pradesh	1	1	250	7.5	1
13	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	0
14	Manipur	2	4	400	10.89	0
15	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0
16	Mizoram	2	3	450	7.8	0
17	Nagaland	8	8	1,200	44.62	8
18	Odisha	4	5	500	7.50	0
19	Punjab	0	0	0	0	0
20	Rajasthan	2	3	550	7.5	0
21	Sikkim	1	2	200	7.18	0
22	Tamil Nadu	3	4	300	4.88	0
23	Telangana	1	2	500	7.5	0
24	Tripura	3	3	200	9.62	1
25	UP	4	6	410	3.45	0
26	Uttrakhand	3	3	200	4.87	0
27	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0
28	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0
29	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0
30	Puduchery	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		66	90	10,649	198.52	10