

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3783
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2026**

FUNDING OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND HOSTELS FOR SC, ST AND OBC STUDENTS

3783. SHRI KUNDURU RAGHUVeer:

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

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance for the establishment, upgradation and maintenance of residential schools and hostels for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in Telangana under various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details of residential schools and hostels sanctioned, functional, under construction and proposed, along with the funds allocated, released and utilised during the last five years, category and district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding infrastructure, hostel capacity, teacher vacancies, student enrolment, occupancy levels and availability of basic amenities in these institutions and if so, the findings thereof;
- (d) whether any proposals from the Government of Telangana for establishment of new residential schools or hostels are pending with the Union Government and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure timely funding, quality infrastructure and effective monitoring of these institutions?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under hostel component of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Department of Social Justice & Empowerment (DoSJE), only fresh proposals for construction of hostels for SC students are considered. As per the existing scheme guidelines, there is no provision for up-gradation or expansion of existing SC hostels under PM-AJAY. The proposals of hostels are approved based on the need assessment surveys and recommendations received from States/Union Territories and Central Universities. However, central assistance for repair of operational hostels sanctioned under PM-AJAY is provided to implementing agencies, once in every five years after operationalization of the hostel.

Further, Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA), is a Central Sector Scheme implemented by DoSJE in two modes. In Mode-I, fees are reimbursed to private residential schools (CBSE/State Board affiliated) for providing quality residential education to meritorious SC students and in Mode-II, Grant-in-Aid is given to NGOs/VOs for running residential/non-residential schools and hostels for SC students.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) for providing quality residential education to tribal students, both for boys and girls. EMRSs are established in tribal-dominated blocks meeting the prescribed criteria. As on date, 728 EMRSs have been approved across the country, out of which 508 are functional.

(b): Under PM-AJAY hostel component, during last five years, 02 SC hostels, one each for boys and girls with total capacity of 500 seats, were sanctioned in Hyderabad, Telangana for which an amount of Rs. 7.50 crore was released. Under M/o Tribal Affairs, 23 EMRSs have been sanctioned and all of them are functional with 10,199 students enrolled during the Academic Session 2025-26. The details of sanctioned and operational EMRSs in the State of Telangana is at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d): No such assessment has been conducted in respect of hostels sanctioned in Telangana under PM-AJAY. Further, EMRSs affiliated with CBSE completed self-assessment under the School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework (SQAAP) during 2025-26. The SQAAP covers seven domains, including curriculum, pedagogy and assessment; infrastructure; human resources; inclusive practices; management and governance; leadership; and beneficiary satisfaction. No new proposals for construction of SC hostels from the Government of Telangana is received on PM-AJAY portal as on date.

(e): To monitor the implementation of the PM-AJAY scheme, National Conferences/Chintan Shivirs and Regional Conferences are organized, inviting participation from States and Union Territories. Additionally, monthly reviews are conducted with States/UTs. The scheme is also monitored by the designated committees constituted at the Central, State, and District levels to ensure effective implementation.

In respect of EMRSs, monitoring and implementation are undertaken through National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), State EMRS Societies and District Level EMRS Committees. Centralized recruitment, operational guidelines, capacity-building programmes and direct release of recurring grants to schools have also been instituted to strengthen management, accountability and timely availability of funds.

Annexure in respect of part (b) of the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3783 on "Funding of Residential Schools and Hostels for SC, ST and OBC Students"

The details of sanctioned and operational EMRSs in the State of Telangana are as under:

S. No.	District	Block/ Taluka	Construction Status	Functioning Status	Enrolment 2025-26
1	Adilabad	Inderavelly	Completed	Functional	450
2	Adilabad	Narnoor	Completed	Functional	420
3	Adilabad	Utnoor	Completed	Functional	475
4	Bhadradri Kothagudem	Cherla	Completed	Functional	436
5	Bhadradri Kothagudem	Dammapeta	Completed	Functional	454
6	Bhadradri Kothagudem	Dummugudem	Completed	Functional	445
7	Bhadradri Kothagudem	Gundala	Completed	Functional	415
8	Bhadradri Kothagudem	Mulkalapalle	Completed	Functional	436
9	Bhadradri Kothagudem	Palwancha	Completed	Functional	450
10	Bhadradri Kothagudem	Tekulapalle	Completed	Functional	445
11	Kamareddy	Gandhari	Completed	Functional	442
12	Khammam	Singareni	Completed	Functional	430
13	Komaram Bheem Asifabad	Sirpur	Completed	Functional	454
14	Mahabubabad	Bayyaram	Completed	Functional	443
15	Mahabubabad	Gudur	In Progress	Functional	391
16	Mahabubabad	Kothagudem	Completed	Functional	442
17	Mahabubabad	Kuravi	Completed	Functional	470
18	Mahabubabad	Kuravi	Completed	Functional	459
19	Mahabubnagar	Balanagar	Completed	Functional	453
20	Nagarkurnool	Jadcherla	Completed	Functional	457
21	Nizamabad	Indalwai	Completed	Functional	467
22	Rajanna Sircilla	Konaraopet	Completed	Functional	423
23	Rajanna Sircilla	Yellareddipet	Completed	Functional	442
Total					10,199
