

These are to be achieved through programmatic, management and institutional reforms in ICDS. While formulating the proposal on Strengthening and Restructuring of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, the recommendations of National Advisory Council (NAC) have been given due consideration.

Youth hostels in Assam

1387. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many youth hostels are set up in Assam;
- (b) whether it is a fact that two more youth hostels are being set up in Guwahati and Tezpur;
- (c) what will be the capacity of the concerned hostels and the total budget of the project and whether any youth hostels are being used for other purposes;
- (d) how many youths are benefited with the facilities being provided and whether all the youth hostels are used; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) There are four youth hostels in the State of Assam located at Guwahati, Golaghat, Nagaon and Tezpur.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal to set up any new youth hostel in Guwahati and Tezpur. Recently youth hostel located at Nagaon has been transferred to Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, an autonomous Organisation of this Ministry and the youth hostel located at Golaghat has been transferred to the Government of Assam to put them in use best suited for youth development activities.

(d) and (e) Youth hostel facilities are open to all youth, student and others to provide good and safe accommodation for them at reasonable rates. All hostels are also used for organizing various youth development activities like national integration camps, skill development programmes, seminars etc.

Shortage of sports infrastructure in States

1388. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state: