

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No.*23
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024

WORKING WOMEN AND TRANSIT HOSTELS

***23 SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:**

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

- (a) the number of working women hostels constructed in the last five years, State/UT wise details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government is also planning to increase number of Transit Hostels in Tier I and II cities, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) to (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (b) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.*23 for answer on 24.07.2024 regarding Working women and Transit hostels asked by Shri Sanjeev Arora, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (RS).

(a) to(b) The Government is committed to providing safe, secure and affordable hostel facility for working women and women aspiring to join the work force. Working women hostels are critical components for improving participation of women in the labour force, which is a major step towards realising the idea of 'Women led development'.

Under the Mission Shakti, erstwhile Working Women Hostel (WWH) Scheme has been renamed as Sakhi Niwas Scheme. In this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs for running of Sakhi Niwas in rented premises which includes rent, Management cost, repair cost and crèche establishment cost. There is no provision of construction of Transit Hostels in the Mission Shakti Scheme.

Prior to the launch of Mission Shakti w.e.f. 01.04.2022, Grant-in-Aid was released to the States/UTs for construction of new/ expansion of existing buildings and rent for few buildings for providing hostel facilities to the working women in cities, smaller towns and also in rural areas where employment opportunities for women exist. Details of Working Women Hostels sanctioned for construction and those whose construction was completed during the last five years' period are given in **Annexure-I**.

The Sakhi Niwas Scheme (Working Women Hostel) under the overarching Mission Shakti, is a demand driven centrally sponsored scheme, under which funds are directly released to States/UTs for implementation of the scheme. The States/UTs assess their requirement as per local needs and proposals are approved by the Programme Approval Board (PAB) after discussion with State/UTs.

The Government of India is also providing, under Nirbhaya Fund, financial assistance to Central Universities and States/ UTs for construction of WWH for accommodating working women as well as female students who are pursuing higher education/ training away from their native place and where the Universities/ State Government provide land and take the responsibility to manage and operate the Hostels. The details of WWH appraised by Empowered Committee under the Nirbhaya Fund are given in the **Annexure-II**.

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Annexure-I

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Details of Sakhi Niwas (Working Women Hostel) sanctioned for construction and construction completed during the last five years period:

S N	Name of State	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Sanct ioned	Constr ucted*	Sancti oned	Constr ucted*	Sancti oned	Constr ucted*	Sancti oned	Constr ucted*	Sancti oned	Constr ucted*
1	Andhra Pradesh	--	--	--	--	--	01	--	--	--	--
2	Chhattisgarh	--	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3	Himachal Pradesh	--	--	--	--	--	01	--	--	--	--
4	Kerala	04	--	--	01	--	--	--	--	--	--
5	Manipur	--	01	04	--	--	01	--	01	--	--
6	Mizoram	--	--	--	--	--	01	--	--	--	--
7	Nagaland	01	01	01	--	--	01	--	--	--	--
8	Punjab	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
9	Tamil Nadu	--	--	02	--	01	--	--	--	--	03
10	Telangana	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total	11	03	07	01	01	05	--	01	--	03

*Construction completed of earlier sanctioned WWH.

Annexure-II

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Details of Working Women Hostel appraised by Empowered Committee (EC) of Officers for providing financial assistance to Central Universities and States/ UTs under Nirbhya Fund:

SN	Name of the State/UTs	Appraised Amount/ date of appraised	Implementing Agency/ Remarks
1.	Construction of WWH in 7 districts of Uttarakhand namely Pauri Garhwal, Champavat, Haridwar, Pithoragarh, Rudraprayag, Tehri Garhwal and Uttarkashi.	Rs.25.54 Cr / 12.03.2024	Department of Women and Child Development, State Government of Uttarakhand
2.	Construction of WWH in 7 districts of Nagaland namely Mon, Kohima, Phek, Peren, Wokha, Zubheboto and Chumukedima.	Rs.28 Cr / 12.03.2024	Department of Social Welfare, State Government of Nagaland
3.	Establishing Working Women Hostel in University of Delhi	Rs.200 Cr / 12.03.2024	Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education The project appraised for construction, in two phases of 500 beds capacity & cost of Rs.100/- crore, for each phase.

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