

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

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HOSTELS FOR SCs AND OBCs STUDENTS

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

- (a) the details of proposals received by the Union Government from various States/Union Territories under the schemes aimed at providing hostels for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) students during 2006-07 and funds allocated and released thereunder, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the funds released under the schemes during the last three years have been utilized by the State Governments/UT administrations;
- (c) if so, the details of utilization of funds alongwith allocation thereunder during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the number of students belonging to SC and OBC benefited therefrom during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Union Government for proper utilization of funds by the State Government/UT Administrations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) A statement showing the details of proposals received and funds released during 2006-07 under the Scheme of Hostel for OBC boys & girls is enclosed (Annexure-I).

Details of proposals received, funds allocated and released under the Scheme of Hostel for SC boys & girls is given in Annexure-II.

(b) & (c) Grants-in-aid sanctioned under the Schemes of construction of hostels for SC boys and girls are meant for utilization over a period of five years and for OBC boys and girls over a period of two years for completing the work of construction.

(c) A Statement showing the number of students benefited is enclosed (Annexure- IIIA & IIIB).

(e) The Union Government monitors the proper utilization of funds by seeking financial and physical progress reports of construction of the hostels from the State Governments/UT Administrations