

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HOSTELS FOR WORKING WOMEN

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment about the number of working women in the organized sector during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the total number of working women hostels functioning in the country at present, State-wise including Bihar, location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has made any study regarding shortage of working women hostels in the country, State-wise;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has made any target to open new such hostels for the next Five Year Plan, year-wise and State-wise as reported in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated February 5, 2007;
- (e) if so, the total number of hostels likely to be opened in the next Five Year Plan, State-wise, location-wise and year-wise; and
- (f) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on each women's hostel, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

- (a) According to Ministry of Labour and Employment's statistics there were 50.34 lakh women in the organized sector as on 31.12.2001.
- (b) Ministry of Women and Child Development has so far sanctioned 874 working women's hostels in the country. The list of completed hostels State-wise and location-wise is available on the Ministry's website <http://www.wcd.nic.in>.
- (c) Ministry of Women and Child Development has requested all State Governments and Union Territory Administration to make a demand survey of working women's hostels in their States city/town/district-wise.
- (d),(e)&(f) Without specific references to any State or location, Ministry of Women and Child Development has sought an outlay of Rs.500 Crores in the 11th Five Year Plan for sanctioning of 40 new hostels each year all over the country.