

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

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SHORTAGE OF HOSTELS FOR SC/ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of hostels in North Eastern States for SC/ST students; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to augment hostel facility in North Eastern States for SC/ST students?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

(a) & (b) The Government provides 100% financial assistance for construction of hostels for SC girls and 50% financial assistance for SC boys in all States/Union Territories, including North Eastern States. There is a similar scheme for ST students in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Hostels for SC/ST students are sanctioned as and when proposals are received from States. During the last three years (2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09) 81 hostels have been sanctioned by the Government for SC/ST students in North Eastern States.