

an>

Title : Need to release grants for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to girls hostels under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

SHRI MANJUNATH KUNNUR (DHARWAD SOUTH): Respected Chairman, Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the hon. HRD Minister that the Ministry has not released grants to the girls hostels in the country for the academic years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 under the Centrally-Sponsored Scheme[\[ak8\]](#).

These institutions have been running girls hostels for over a decade. They have sought financial assistance under Centrally-sponsored Scheme for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07. In spite of repeated requests, no grant has been released to the institutions. It has come to my notice that the Government of India has issued a Circular asking these institutions not to submit their proposals for seeking grants. These institutions are afraid of seeking grants from the Ministry after the said Circular.

I am of the firm opinion that these institutions which are running girls hostels in the backward areas should be encouraged by the Centre. There is no other scheme under which these institutions could opt for the Central assistance. There is no denying of the fact that without grants, these institutions are facing a lot of difficulties to run the girls hostels. Moreover, it is an on-going scheme.

Therefore, I humbly request that the Ministry of Human Resource Development should continue the scheme and also consider the proposal to release the grant for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 to these institutions immediately in the larger interest of women folk, that is, girl students in rural areas. That is my request to the Ministry.