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Title: Need to construct compound walls around all the girls' hostels in Arka parliamentary constituency in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA (ARAKU): I would like to draw the kind attention of the Government towards security problems being faced by tribal girls in gurukulam/hostel premises. I represent Araku Constituency in Andhra Pradesh, which is the only tribal constituency and 95 percent of the population of my constituency is tribal.

I would like to state that it extends to over 4 districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam and East Godavari. It is the largest constituency in Andhra Pradesh in terms of area and is mostly remote. The area has been neglected since the past few decades.

I would like to thank the Government for initiating a number of measures for the promotion of education of tribals and particularly the girl child. Many of the girls are living in post-matric hostel, ashram hotels, gurukulams and tribal welfare hostels. The security of the girl child has always been under the threat as most of the hostels are in remote areas and they are living in dangerous condition.

No doubt, the Government is committed to promotion of education of the girl child and it is always the responsibility of the Government to protect the child and that has been evident through the hon'ble Prime Minister's programme 'Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao'. Hence I would request the Hon'ble Minister for Women and Child Development as well as the Government to kindly sanction construction of compound walls for all the girls' hostels. This act will be greatly appreciated from all sections of the community.