



33 new hostels for working women sanctioned by WCD Ministry during last 3 years

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As per the norms of the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the eligible implementing organizations such as State Government agencies and Civil Society Organizations etc. upto 75% of the cost of construction of the hostel building for working women on public land as per the prescribed area norms and schedule of rate of the respective State Public Works Department. There is also a provision of extending financial assistance for hostels to be run in rented premises. Corporate houses or associations like CII, ASSOCHAM, FICCI etc., can also seek financial assistance for a matching grant (50:50) for hostel building construction on public land only. There is also a provision of one-time non-recurring grant @ Rs. 7500/- per inmate for purchase of furniture and furnishings.

During the last three years and the current financial year, 33 new hostels have been sanctioned. Regular monitoring of the functioning of the hostel is the responsibility of the District Women Welfare Committee under the Chairpersonship of District Collector/ District Magistrate/ Municipal Commissioner. To provide safety for single working women, a provision has been made in Scheme guidelines revised in 2015 to install CCTV Cameras in Working Women Hostels.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Smt Krishna Raj in reply to a question in the Lok Sabha today.

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