

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3277
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2026

WORKING WOMEN HOSTELS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

3277. DR. GUMMA THANUJA RANI:

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

- (a) whether Government has reviewed the adequacy of Working Women Hostel facilities (WWH) in view of increasing migration of women for education, employment and industrial work in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposals from the said State for establishment/expansion of WWH outside Visakhapatnam district;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken thereon; and
- (d) the details of steps taken to ensure safety, affordability/accessibility of said hostels for working women?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (d) Sakhi Niwas Scheme [Working Women Hostel (WWH)] under the overarching Mission Shakti, is a demand driven centrally sponsored scheme where States/UTs assess their requirement as per local needs and their proposals are approved by the Programme Approval Board (PAB) after discussion with States/UTs. The Scheme aims to promote availability of safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women and for those women who are pursuing higher education and training, with Day care facility for children in urban, semi-urban and even rural areas where employment opportunity for women exists. In this scheme, fund is provided for rental accommodation and component of construction has been discontinued. Funds under the Scheme are released to the States/UTs in accordance with the guidelines of the Department of Expenditure through the Single Nodal Agency (SNA)/SNA-SPARSH mechanism of the Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

Presently, 23 Sakhi Niwas(WWH) are operational in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The details of the operational Sakhi Niwas in the State of Andhra Pradesh are given at Annexure-I.

Further, under Part (X) – Construction of Working Women Hostels of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme, an amount of ₹172.00 crore was allocated to the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The State Government submitted three proposals for the construction of Working Women Hostels in Visakhapatnam district, with a total project cost of ₹172.00 crore. These proposals were approved by the Department of Expenditure, and the first instalment of ₹113.52 crore was released to the State Government during 2024–25. The details of the approved proposals are given at Annexure-II.

To ensure the safety, affordability and accessibility of Working Women Hostels, secure accommodation is provided with boundary walls, security personnel, CCTV surveillance, biometric access/visitor registers, and adequate lighting, wherever applicable. Basic amenities such as furnished rooms, safe drinking water, sanitation, electricity, internet connectivity, and common facilities are also provided. The Ministry also continuously monitors the implementation of the Scheme through physical and virtual review meetings with States/UTs, field visits by Ministry officials, and digital monitoring mechanisms. Based on the findings, appropriate measures are taken, and advisories are issued to States/UTs from time to time to facilitate effective implementation of the Scheme.

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Annexure-I**ANNEXURE WITH REGARD TO REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3277 FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.2026 REGARDING WORKING WOMEN HOSTELS IN ANDHRA PRADESH ASKED BY DR. GUMMA THANUJA RANI, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (LS).**

Sl. No.	District	Functional Sakhi Niwas Name & Address	Capacity
1	Srikakulam	MRO office Etcherla Srikakulam	100
2	Vizianagaram	B.C.Colony, V.T. Agraharam, Vizianagaram	100
3	Visakapatanam	NTR CSD&EW Pineapple Colony, Visakapatanam	100
4	Marripalem	WWH Marripalem Near R&B, Visakapatanam	30
5	Guntur	Beside Collector Bungalow, OppZPP Nagarampalem, Guntur	100
6	Nellore	NTR CSD & EW, Gandhi Nagar Nellore.	100
7	Tirupati	Opp. Mango Market yard, Padmavathipuram, Tiruchanoor Road, Tirupati.	100
8	NTR CSD & EW, Sathyavedu	Madanapalem Village, Cherivi Check post, Opp. Hero Moto Corp Ltd., Sri City, Sathyavedu	100
9	East Godavari	NTRCSD&EW Beside A.P Transco, Bommuru Rural, Rajahmundry, E.G. District 533124	100
10	Prakasam	District NTRCSD&EW Endlurudonka, Near S.S.N. Engineering College, Santhanuthalapadu Mandal, Prakasam - 523225	100
11	Ananthapuramu	NTRCSD&EW J.N.T.U. Road, Sarada Nagar, Opp.LRG High School, Ananthapuramu 515002 Phone: 08554 - 272486,	50
12	KADAPA	NTRCSD&EW, 58/389-19, Chowta Palli Road, R.V.Nagar Post, KADAPA.Y.S.R.Dist – 516003.	100

13	East Godavari	D.No: 47-4 ½, Danavaipet,,Opp SKR Women's College, Rajahmundry	60
14	Eluru	Working Womens Hostel (Sakhi Niwas), St.Xavier nagar, Side of ACB office, Eluru, Eluru 534006	60
15	Thirupati	Working Women Hostel , D.No:1-5-599, Revenue Ward -1, Balagi Nagar,	50
16	Visakhapatnam - 2	50-8-41, Near Eenadu Raitubhazar, Visakhapathanm	50
17	Visakhapatnam - 1	50-8-41, Near Eenadu Raitubhazar, Visakhapathanm	75
18	Kurnool	Working Women Hostel, D,No: 50-706-D, Near Silverjublee College, B-Camp, Kurnool	60
19	NTR	Kamala Nehru Working Womens Hostel, D.NO-29-16-3, Opp. AS Rama Rao Hall, Gopalareddy Road,Governorpet, Vijayawada-520002	60
20	Vizainagaram	BC Colony, VT Agraharam, Near Water Tank	45
21	Guntur	Mahila Pranganam, Guntur	60
22	Srikakulam	Sakhi Niwas, Srikakulam, Neat Collector Office gate, Srikakulam	50
23	Nellore	Working Women Hostel Police Colony, Dargamitta, Nellore	60
		TOTAL	1710

Annexure-II

Annexure with regard to reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3277 for answer on 07.08.2026 regarding Working Women Hostels in Andhra Pradesh asked by Dr. Gumma Thanuja Rani, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (LS).

Details of WWHs approved under SASCI in Andhra Pradesh

Proposed Location	Name of the District	No. of WWH approved	Amount approved (In crores)
Mudasarlova	Vishakhapatnam	01	90.54
Madhurawada	Vishakhapatnam	01	51.08
Gajuwaka	Vishakhapatnam	01	30.38
Total		03	172.00

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