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467 integrated SW hostels to come up in State [Express News Service](#)

HYDERABAD: The State Government will construct 467 integrated modern social welfare hostels in the next two years. Students of SC, ST and BC communities will be accommodated in the same building instead of the earlier practice of accommodating them in separate buildings.

Of the Rs 1,144.15 crore required for construction of these hostel buildings, the State Government will allocate Rs 500 crore in the 2010-11 financial year and the remaining Rs 644.15 crore during the 2011-12 financial year. Further, it has also been decided to construct 78 residential schools at a cost of Rs 780 crore and 334 post-metric hostels at a cost of Rs 818 crore.

The amount will be allocated during the budget for the financial years of 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

At the review meeting on integrated modern hostels held today, Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy assured to provide the

required funds for construction of the hostels during the next four years.

The Andhra Pradesh Educational Welfare Infrastructure Development Corporation has been entrusted with the responsibility of constructing the hostel buildings with modern design and facilities.

About eight lakh students are accommodated in about 4,800 welfare hostels in the State.

Finance Minister K Rosaiah, Social Welfare Minister P Subhash Chandra Bose, BC Welfare Minister Mukesh Goud, Tribal Welfare Minister Balaraju and other officials were present.