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Subject: Allocation of land/ built up space within their campuses for establishing Working women Hostel (WWH) in the campuses

Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, India's progress in STEM education sees a commendable 43% representation of women graduates. The labour force participation of women has increased from 23.3% to 37%. The vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister is that the women should lead in the Amrit Kaal, as without ensuring their progress, the overall progress of society is not possible.

One of the key factors prompting women and girls from rural areas to relocate to TIER-1 and metro cities is availability of better educational and employment opportunities there. As there is a need for safe and affordable accommodation for them. In response to this challenge, Sakhi Niwas (Working Women's Hostel), a component of the Umbrella scheme of Mission Shakti, emerges as a beacon of hope. It offers a secure haven equipped with fundamental amenities such as lodging, meals and day-care facilities for their children, wherever feasible. This initiative operates on a nominal cost basis, catering to the needs of working women in urban, semi-urban or even rural areas, where employment avenues for women exist. However, the Sakhi Niwas component provides for only the rental models for working women hostel.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) has suggested to identify suitable land /built up space within the campuses of the universities for establishing Working women Hostel (WWH). If the universities provide such space, the cost of construction and /or management cost for running the facility can be provided by MCWD. It has also requested to convey a list of 10-15 such identified spaces within the next 10 days.

The Higher Educational Institutions are requested to take note of it and take appropriate action by submitting their proposals to the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To
The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities
The Principals of all Colleges/Institutes

