

## **Youth Hostel Scheme**

Youth Hostels are a joint venture of Central and State Government. Youth Hostels have been built to promote youth travel within the country by providing low cost budget accommodation and facilities to students and youth groups travelling on excursions or study tours. The aim of the scheme is to encourage youth travel to enable the youth to know more about the diversity of India's culture and people.

2. Keeping these objectives in view, Youth Hostels are generally established, in locations of historical, cultural and tourist interest and significance. Hostel Management Committee (H.M.C.) is constituted for the management of the Youth Hostels. For the Youth Hostels located in districts other than State capitals, the Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate is the chairperson of the H.M.C. whereas for the Youth Hostels located in State capitals, Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs of the concerned State Govt. is the Chairperson of the H.M.C.

3. Selection and appointment of Managers and Wardens in the Youth Hostels is the responsibility of the Central Govt. while the day to day management/ running of the Youth Hostels is the responsibility of the H.M.C. The wife/ lady kin of the selected Manager is appointed as Warden of the Youth Hostel. The appointment is appointed on contract basis initially for a period of three years which is extendable on yearly basis based upon suitability and performance levels, till the age of 65 years, beyond which no further extension is allowed. The contract of the Warden is co-terminus with that of Manager. The remuneration/ honorarium of the Manager and Warden is Rs. 12,000/- p.m. and Rs. 6,000/- per month respectively. The Manager and Warden are to stay together and free accommodation in the hostel premises is given to them. They are compulsorily required to stay in the Hostel, as their presence is required round the clock.

4. A total of 84 Youth Hostels have been constructed across the country and one more Youth Hostel at Kota (Rajasthan) is under construction. Out of these, 6 Youth Hostels, namely, Agra (Uttar Pradesh), Dalhousie (Himachal Pradesh), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Mysore (Karnataka), Panaji (Goa) and Puducherry have got the ISO 9001:2008 Certification.

5. The eligibility criteria for appointment to the post of Manager is as under:-

**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:-** Graduate in any discipline, having proficiency in English, Hindi and local language. Preference is given to the candidates having degree in Hotel Management/Youth Development/MBA/L.S.W./M.S.W.

**EXPERIENCE:-** At least three years working experience in the field of Hostel/ Hotel Industry or running boarding schools/guest houses or retired Defence Force Officers of the rank of Major/Lt. Col./Col./equivalent rank of Army, Navy, Air Force or retired Govt. officer of Central/State Govt. having working experience of youth activities.

**PREFERENCE:-** is given to the local candidate.

**AGE LIMIT:-** The candidates should be aged between 35 to 62 years as on 1<sup>st</sup> April of the selection year and they can serve upto the age of 65 years.