

Protest against inequality in accommodation for PG girls and PG boys

Dear Sir,

Our initial petition (July 2010) regarding disparity of accommodation for PG boys and girls is still valid and the problem is still unresolved. If girls are to get equal accommodation as boys, the situation in July 2011 should be

1. Single room for all PhD girls including freshies (=250 single rooms)
2. Single rooms for PG girls \geq 2nd year (=150 single rooms)

What is mentioned above is the situation for PG boys, as far as we are aware. PG girls also deserve similar treatment. If there is stress in accommodation in the institute, it should be felt equally by PG boys and girls (in the ratio of their respective populations at least), isn't it? But the situation is that all Ph.D. boys get single rooms from joining day itself and all other PG boys get single room in beginning of their second year (at least, if not before). If 100% Ph.D. boys have single rooms from Day 1, 100% of Ph.D. girls also deserve the same.

So, in spite of D-wing annexation, we are still at the same place we were at the beginning of last year --- still asking for equality. The only thing we have accomplished is an attempt to stay afloat. Staying afloat is a good thing, ofcourse. But it is not fair that PG girls have to struggle to stay afloat, while PG boys are cozily in single rooms.

Thus, we need at least 400 single rooms, but H11 has only 185 single rooms. So, in July 2011, the story of inequality will continue unless we plan for it. Some suggestions to solve this problem (these are not the only possibilities)

1. H8 be re-allocated to PG girls
2. H1 be re-allocated to PG girls
3. Some wing of 12 or 14 be re-allocated to PG girls
4. Immediately begin construction of new H10 wing and finish within 1 year (temporary measures can be taken to accommodate the displaced girls during demolition, etc)

Please hold a detailed discussion/meeting involving PG girls representatives before taking a final decision in this regard. Please do not dismiss our concerns outright with comments like "H12 and H14 is too far" or "that hostel is surrounded by boys' hostels", etc.

Anguished yet hopeful,

-PG girl students