

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). A number of measures have been taken from time to time to attract Indian scientists and technologists settled abroad to come back to the country. Some of these are:

- There is a provision for temporary placement of scientists and technologists under the scheme of scientist's Pool.
- A provision has also been made for creation of supernumerary posts.
- Facilities to import equipments have been provided to the scientists and technologists returning from abroad.
- With a view to assisting non-resident Indians to secure expeditious clearance of their applications for setting up of industrial units in the country, a Special Cell has been created in the Ministry of Industry.
- Programmes have been launched through which core groups of scientists are created in the country with all necessary modern facilities required for pursuing research in new and frontier areas of science.
- Delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers has been made to scientific institutions to improve working conditions of scientists.

- Indian origin professional men and women who have distinguished themselves in their fields of activity and are settled abroad are being invited for short term technical assignments to assist in our developmental efforts in frontier and emerging areas of science and technology.

[Translation]

#### Construction of Government Quarters in Delhi

6649. SHRI KESHRI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are constructing Government quarters in Delhi to overcome the accommodation problem of Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present stage of construction of these houses and the time by which these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). 21 Type V and 256 Type IV quarters are under construction and are nearly complete. 135 Type III quarters in Nehru Nagar are expected to be completed by September 1993.

Further construction is at the pre-construction and planning stage and will be taken do depending upon the availability of funds.