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[Translation]

Shortage of Accommodation for Govt. Employees

788. SHRI ABHAYSINH S. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of Government accommodations for Central Government employees in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of Central Government employees in Maharashtra allotted Government accommodation; and
- (c) the number of dwelling units the Government propose to construct for the Central Government employees in the country during 1998-99 and also in the current Plan period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) In Maharashtra there are at present 9355 units of General Pool residential quarters in Mumbai and 1376 units at Nagpur for allotment to the Central Government employees.
 - (c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

State-wise details of quarters proposed to be constructed during 9th Plan period and during the year 1998-99

S.	State	General Pool Quarters to be constructed	
No.		During the Year 1998-99	During 9th Plan period
1	2	3	4
1.	Delhi	32	1178
2.	Jammu & Kashmii	r ,—	216
3.	Himachal Pradesh	90	264
4.	Uttar Pradesh	262	1224

1	2	3	4	
5.	Rajasthan	88	144	
6.	Maharashtra	200	1642	
7.	Madhya Pradesh	60	112	
8.	West Bengal	_	100	
9.	Sikkim	_	106	
10.	Orissa	_	139	
11.	Assam	_	136	
12.	Tamil Nadu	32	364	
13.	Kerala	68	148	
14.	Karnataka	336	641	
	TOTAL:	1168	6414	

[English]

Setting up of Procurement Planning Boards

789. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering to set up separate procurement planning boards at the services headquarters level to streamline administrative procedure for quick decision making;
 - (b) if so, the details of the action plan; and
- (c) the details of areas identified for private investment/participation for defence requirement ensuring quality control?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The Government has already set up Army and Air Force Procurement Planning and Revenue Procurement Boards to provide an appropriate forum to review and give macro level directions on