

current year i.e. 1989-90.

**Housing Problem of Civilian Staff Working in Defence Establishments in Kanpur**

2050. SHRI KESHARI LAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being undertaken by Government to solve the housing problem of civilian staff working in the various defence establishments in Kanpur;

(b) whether Government has received some memoranda in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The following steps have been taken:

- (i) 850 quarters are under construction and nearing completion for the employees of Ordnance Factories.
- (ii) Houses for the Defence civilians under the Department of Defence Research and Development have been constructed and the employees are in the process of shifting in the new houses.
- (iii) Air Force constructed 48 quarters in 1988 and allotted them to the Defence civilians working in Air Force.
- (iv) 84 houses from the Defence pool accommodation controlled by the Station HQ Kanpur have been allotted to the Defence civilians under the Army.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The allegation made in the memorandum has been investigated and found

baseless.

**Linking of Ancient Sanskrit Scriptures with Science**

2051. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in several American Universities ancient Sanskrit scriptures are being linked with science;

(b) if so, whether Government are also linking ancient scriptures with modern science; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). The Central Government do not have information about the efforts in American Universities to link ancient Sanskrit scriptures with Science. One of the objectives of the Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, set up by the Central Government is to promote research among those with background of Vedic knowledge so that scientific thoughts contained in Vedas could be linked with modern science and technology.

**Vocational Education in Navodaya Vidyalayas**

2052. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether no special vocational training in the field of industry is being imparted in Navodaya Vidyalayas; and