

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AUGMENTING HOSTEL FACILITY
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals to augment the hostel facility for students from space application centre and the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which approval is likely to be accorded to the proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a),(b) & (c) Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad, is primarily engaged in the design and development of payloads for communication, meteorological and remote sensing satellites. Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) is a premier institute for multi-disciplinary research in astronomy and astrophysics, earth sciences, planetary sciences etc. . Both the institutes have guest houses for accommodating visiting scientists and officers and PRL has hostel facilities for its research scholars. There are no plans to construct any more hostels at present.