

NEW FLATS FOR M.Ps, in NORTH AVENUE

100. SHEIMATI DEVAKI GOPI-DAS: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expenditure incurred for the construction of new flats for the Members of Parliament in North Avenue, New Delhi;

(b) whether Government have received complaints about the bad, defective and substandard construction of those flats; and

(c) if so, what additional expenditure has been incurred by the Government for reconstructing the floor and mending the other defects by this time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR IQBAL SINGH): (a) Rs. 4.50 lakhs.

(b) and (c) Complaints of minor defects, such as reverse slopes in bathrooms, cracks in walls, etc., had been received. Some of the defects were rectified by the contractors themselves and the remaining defects are being rectified at their cost. No substandard material has been used in the construction of these flats.

PYRITES AND CHEMICALS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LTD.

101. SHRI RAMPRASANNA RAY: Will the Minister of PLANNING, PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount that has been spent on the Pyrites and Chemicals Development Co., Ltd., till the 31st March, 1966, year wise, since its inception;

(b) the full requirement of pyrite ore to run the Sulphuric Acid Plant of the Company and what is the minimum quantum of the ore to be obtained before the plant could be commissioned -

(c) what is the target date by which the normal minimum requirements of ore for running the plant is likely to be reached; and

(d) what is the total length of aditing required for the project; and how much aditing has so far been done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF PLANNING AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH): (a) The amount spent on Pyrites and Chemicals Development Co., Ltd., upto 31-3-1968 is Rs. 115.47 lakhs. The year-wise break-up is as below:—

	Rs. in lakhs.
1960-61	25-00
1961-62	io-oo
1962-63	19-25
1963-64	15-00
1964-65	46-22
1965-66	

(b) and (c) The full requirements of pyrite ore to run the Sulphuric Acid Plant of the Company is 390 tonnes a day. This requirement will be met at the end of the third quarter of 1968. The minimum quantity of ore which will be required before the plant is commissioned cannot be indicated at this stage and will be known only after the trial run of the plant is over

(d) The total length of aditing required for the project is 16000 metres and the aditing so far done is 1600 metres by working manually. The progress would be accelerated as soon as key mining machinery which is expected by the middle of the current year is received.

102. [Transferred to the 1st June, 1967.]

RESERVE BANK GOVERNOR ON DEFICIT FINANCING

103. SHRI M. N. KAUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: