

expected to be completed within 4 years from the date of the award of the contract.

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM NORTH VIETNAM PREMIER

*48. SHRI JAI NARAYAN WAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any communication from the North Vietnam Premier and Foreign Minister requesting him to interfere in Vietnam affairs, India being the Chairman country of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on that request?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON) : (a) and (b) Yes. The Prime Minister has received several letters from Mr. Pham Van Dong, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, during the course of this year and in reply it was explained to the D.R.V.N. Prime Minister that these complaints have been considered and dealt with by the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam, in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Agreement.

VILLAGE HOUSING PROJECTS SCHEME

*49. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh where Village Housing Projects Scheme has so far been introduced during the Second Five Year Plan period;

(b) the names of Districts in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh where Rural Housing Cells have been established; and

(c) the number of Regional Research-cum-training Centres set up in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI ANIL K. CHANDA): (a) Up to the end of June, 1960, the Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh Governments had selected 422 and 99 villages respectively for introduction of the Village Housing Projects Scheme. The number of villages in which loans had been actually sanctioned and disbursed till then was 157 in Uttar Pradesh and 8 in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) The Scheme stipulates setting up of a single Rural Housing Cell at the State headquarters. A Rural Housing Cell has accordingly been established at the headquarters by each of these States.

(c) Each Regional Research-cum-training Centre, as the name implies, is intended to cover a region consisting of more than one State. There are, in all, six Centres in the country at present, and the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are served by the Centres established at the Roorkee University and Birla Vishwakarma Mahavidyalaya, Vallabh Vidyanagar respectively.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS

*50. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the universities and other educational institutions in the country which have been given scholarships during the current financial year for ensuring supply of trained manpower for atomic energy programme; and

(b) the names of universities and educational institutions to whom assistance has been given by Government for advanced study and research