

**PROVISION OF A HOUSE FOR THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY**

\*364. **SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University has been provided with a house by the University;

(b) if so, whether the house provided to him was newly constructed; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, how much money was spent on the construction of this house?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR K. L. SHRIMALI):** (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The house was reconstructed after a major portion of the old structure had been dismantled.

(c) The final accounts in respect of the project are under preparation.

**SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI:** May I know whether it is a fact that the first estimate of this house was for Rs. 37,000 or Rs. 38,000 and then about Rs. 1,25,000 has already been spent on this house?

**DR. K. L. SHRIMALI:** According to the information which has been supplied to us by the University, an estimate amounting to Rs. 30,000 was prepared for renovation of the roof as well as certain additions and alterations. The matter was then referred to the architects and they suggested not to retain the then existing walls and foundations and they, therefore, prepared a revised estimate amounting to Rs. 81,800 for the building. Later on an additional sum of Rs. 38,000 was sanctioned by the Executive Council. Thus the total amount sanctioned so far for the project comes to Rs. 1,19,800. Now the Registrar has also reported that an expenditure of Rs. 1,27,500 has already

been incurred and he has further added that bills amounting to Rs. 4,000 are still outstanding. Thus the total according to the Registrar would be Rs. 1,31,500.

**SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI:** May I know when the first house was habitable and the previous Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Zakir Husain, was living in that house, what the necessity was for constructing a new building at such a high cost?

**DR. K. L. SHRIMALI:** The University has reported that the house was uninhabitable.

**DISCOVERY OF PALACES AND TOMBS OF ABUL FAZAL AND FAIZI**

\*365. **SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the palaces and tombs of Abul Fazal and Faizi and their sister Ladli Begum have recently been discovered at Agra; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to preserve them as monuments?

**THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR):**

(a) and (b) A low shapeless mass of rubble and concrete measuring 30'X30' at a place called Mau near Agra is said to contain the tombs of Ladli Begum and her two brothers Faizi and Abul Fazal. This site, which was protected as early as 1918, is already on the list of protected monuments and is being preserved as such.

**SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY:** May I know the exact location of the place wherefrom these discoveries were made?

**SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR:** At Mau, as I said just now.