

(ii) REPORTED SHIFTING OF THE HEAD-  
QUARTERS OF PYRITES, PHOSPHATE AND  
CHEMICALS LTD. FROM DEHRI-ON-SONE

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(Patna): The Managing Director,  
Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals  
Ltd., has initiated a move to shift  
the headquarters of the company  
from Denrion-Sone to New Delhi.  
Some of the offices of this undertak-  
ing under the Government of India  
have already been shifted there.

This Projects was started in 1960  
at Amjhore in the districts of Rohtas  
where pyrites was mined from the  
Karmur Hin Range. In 1962, its head-  
quarters was established at Dehri-  
on-Sone.

During the Emergency, without the  
permission of the Government, it  
is learnt, the Managing Director  
shifted his office to New Delhi.

As the Managing Director remains  
at New Delhi, all the remaining  
high officials have to run there for  
consultation even for minor problems.  
A peon goes practically every day  
to New Delhi for carrying files to  
the Managing Director. Recently he  
has issued instructions that, with a  
view to expedite work, the office of  
the General Manager at Amjhore will  
be shifted to New Delhi. Till now,  
offices of about a dozen officers have  
already been removed to New Delhi.  
The rest are awaiting orders. Finally,  
the headquarters will be shifted to New  
Delhi from Dehri-on-Sone. Thus the  
local people will be denied employ-  
ment opportunity. Some employees  
have to forego their promotion as  
they were not in a position to go to  
Delhi. This move to shift the head-  
quarters to New Delhi is backed by  
other officers who belong to Delhi or  
nearby places and do not want to  
stay at Delhi-on-Sone.

When the Managing Director lived  
and worked at Amjhore, the head-

quarters expenditure in 1974-1975 was  
Rs. 1,23,484; and the Amjhore office  
expenditure was Rs. 1,03,604.

When the Managing Director shift-  
ed to New Delhi, the head-  
quarters expenditure in 1978-79 was  
Rs. 2,17,703; and the Amjhore office  
expenditure in 1978-79 was Rs.  
2,53,377.

This extra expenditure was incur-  
red to pay travelling allowances to  
the officers to go to New Delhi. In  
addition to the above, the expendi-  
ture over entertainment which was  
Rs. 1463/- in 1974-75 has gone up to  
Rs. 16,000 in 1978-79. It is also learnt  
that the rent of the residential office  
at Delhi which was Rs. 600 per month  
has been increased to Rs. 9,000 per  
month. The headquarters is housed  
in a building here for which Rs.  
3,500 are paid as rent. The Board  
of Directors has already decided to  
construct the office building and re-  
sidences for the employees by acquir-  
ing government land at Dehri-on Sone

It is the general demand of  
the people that the headquarters  
of Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemi-  
cals Ltd. should not be shifted  
to New Delhi and that the  
offices of the Managing Director and  
other officers must be brought back  
to Dehri-on-Sone as before, not  
only in the interest of the State but  
also for efficient functioning of the  
Project. The Government should pay  
immediate attention to this very  
urgent matter of public importance  
and dispel the doubts in the minds  
of the people of the State of Bihar.

(iii) Ratnagiri Project of Alumi-  
nium Plant

SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR  
(Ratnagiri): Under rule 377 of the  
Rules of Procedure I want to invite  
the attention of the hon. Minister of  
Steel and Mines to the following  
matter of urgent public importance.