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Nkandla is 'like Hitler's Berghof'

LEKOTA: *'Upgrade of JZ's home similar to that of Nazi dictator'*

THE expansion of President Jacob Zuma's homestead could be compared to that of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler's home in the 1930s, COPE leader Mosiuoa Lekota suggested yesterday.

"In passing, may I say that the manner in which Adolf Hitler expanded Berghof and the way in which the Nkandla estate was expanded merits a close examination," the Congress of the People (COPE) MP said during debate on Zuma's State of the Nation Address.

Lekota said the government was abusing the public purse and was spending fewer resources on eradicating the country's social ills.

"The R200 million that was spent at Nkandla could have been used to give bursaries of R10 000 to 20 000 matriculants," he said.

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of mention, in Zuma's address, of how the government would address the massive wasting of public money.

Instead, Zuma had emphasised the need to review the country's current tax system, Lekota said.

"Before asking citizens to fork out more money to the state, the state should thoroughly clean up its own act.

"It must stop corruption and put an end to futile and fruitless expenditure," he said. — Sapa.