

Raja Mahendra Pratap: May I know when this Government of officials will end and when the people will get swaraj?

Mr. Speaker: This need not be answered.

Industrial Finance Corporation

*2026. **Shri Khimji:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Finance Corporation has drawn up a scheme for guaranteeing deferred payments;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the number of parties that have approached so far for the guarantee of deferred payments?

The Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Corporation has hitherto been examining each application on its individual merits.

(c) Three applications have been received so far besides a number of general enquiries.

Shri Khimji: May I know whether this guarantee is offered to co-operatives and individuals on the same terms?

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: No guarantees are offered to individuals. I would like to remind the hon. Member, that section 2(c) of the Industrial Finance Corporation Act contemplates only public limited companies and corporations; and co-operative societies do come in. So, the case of individuals does not arise here.

So far as co-operative societies are concerned, they are treated on a par with other public industrial concerns.

Shri Prabhat Kar: May I know the norms applied in deciding the merits of each individual case?

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: The norms are exactly the same as are applied to public limited companies and co-operative societies, except that special attention has to be paid to

the foreign exchange situation prevailing in the country as well as the fluctuations in the rate of foreign exchange. These things have to be kept in view by the corporation because sometimes these guarantees also involve members or concerns who have not borrowed money but still want some guarantee from the corporation. So, special attention has to be given to each individual case in that regard.

Shri Prabhat Kar: May I know whether priorities are given to certain types of industries or all the industries are considered on a par?

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Priorities are always given according to the importance of the industry; only the most important industries get the first priority; and after that only, any gradation is made.

Shri Subbiah Ambalam: May I know whether any maximum amount has been fixed for the purpose of guaranteeing on the deferred payments?

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Actually, no maximum or minimum amount can be fixed in this respect, because it depends on the needs of the individual company as to how much guarantee it wants. Now, the Industrial Finance Corporation have sanctioned this guarantee for two concerns: for India Cements, Ltd., Madras, they have guaranteed Rs. 35 lakhs, and for the Mandya National Paper Mills, Mysore, they have guaranteed Rs. 182 lakhs. So, it varies from case to case.

Inter-University Youth Festival

*2028. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fifth Inter-University Youth Festival is proposed to be held in November, 1958; and

(b) whether any new feature is proposed to be introduced in the Inter-University Youth Festival this year?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, Sir, from October 27th to November 5th.

(b) For the present, no new feature of importance is proposed to be introduced.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether the number of participants in this year's festival is going to increase?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: It has been increasing continuously, and I expect the numbers may increase this year also, looking at the record of the last few years. In the first year, we had only 780; in the second year, we had 1,172, and in the third year we had 1,441, and in the fourth year, we had 1,600. So, considering this record, it is possible that the number may increase at the current year's festival also.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know how this increased participation will be distributed or allocated between the different universities?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: I could not follow the question.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether the different universities will send more participants by way of selection or on what other basis the participants will come here?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: Invitation is sent round to all the universities, and they make the selection of the students and the various delegations.

Shri Panigrahi: My question has not been answered.

Mr. Speaker: His point is that the number of participants is rising; and there are a number of universities; there may be over-weightage, unless it is regulated, in favour of any particular university. How is it regulated as to how many students a university may send? One university may like to send 100 while another may send only 50. Is there any scheme by which it is regulated?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: Yes. There are various items for which the participants are invited, such as drama and group dancing, group singing, classical dance, vocal classical music, instrumental music, Hindi elocution (up to

five minutes) and so on. It is possible that sometimes some universities have more representatives in some subjects and some others may have less. So, no hard and fast rules can be laid down with regard to the number of participants.

The ordinary procedure is that the universities among themselves hold some kind of inter-collegiate competition, and after that, selection is made of students who should participate in this festival.

As regards the exact procedure as to whether any number has to be fixed, I do not have that information, and I shall ask for notice, for that particular information.

Shri Jangde: Why is it that this inter-university youth festival is held in Delhi only and nowhere else, and why is it that it is managed at the secretariat level by the secretariat of the Ministry and not by any other body?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The Ministry took the initiative in starting this festival. And there is unanimity of opinion among the university people, among the students, and among the Members of Parliament. I believe, that this festival has been a great success. It has aroused great enthusiasm among the students, and its popularity increases every year.

As regards the selection of venue, the festival started in Delhi. I am not enamoured of Delhi having it every year, but one great advantage is that here the students from all over the country get an opportunity to mix with our national leaders, while if it is kept at any other place, they might miss that opportunity.

Shri Thimmaiah: In the last inter-university youth festival, some of the universities did not participate. May I know whether Government ascertained the reasons why they did not participate?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: Government cannot force the universities to participate in the function. But I might

inform the House that every year, the number of universities which participate in this festival is increasing. In the first year, we had 25, in the second year, we had 25, in the third year 31, and in the fourth year 38. Practically all the universities had participated. And their number has increased.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: Will the Minister kindly state whether provision will be made for sufficient accommodation in future celebrations, so that people who want to come are not turned back?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: As far as my information goes, sufficient and adequate arrangements are made for all the participants. But, obviously, Government cannot make provision for accommodation for visitors.

Shri Ranga: In view of the fact that for very much less important functions from the national point of view, many of our own national leaders are good enough to go and attend and address those gatherings, would Government assure us that their decision in regard Delhi is not final and that opportunity might be given for other centres also to have this national festival which is of such great importance?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: This is a suggestion for action, and we shall certainly consider that.

Shri Tyagi: May I know the total expenditure incurred on the last occasion on this function?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: On the last festival we spent Rs. 2.98 lakhs.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: If Government are not prepared to accommodate visitors who want to see this function, what is the meaning of having these celebrations at all?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The celebration is meant for the students; and if Government have to make arrangements for accommodation of visitors, then there would be any number of visitors, and I think it will be a task which could not physically be accomplished by Government.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): In view of some keen interest taken by a section of the House, I shall try to give an elaborate answer to this question.

Mr. Speaker: How many pages does it run to?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Just a page.

Indian Bureau of Mines

{ **Shri Bimal Ghose:**
Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:
Shri Haider:
*2029. { **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:**
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Muhammed Ellas:
Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the offices of the Indian Bureau of Mines is proposed to be moved from Calcutta to some other place outside West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total expenditure to be incurred as a result thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The immediate reason for this decision is the extreme congestion in Delhi. The accommodation position in Delhi has been acute for some time. Latterly it has become critical and now intolerable. This situation has compelled Government to move out a number of offices from Delhi. These offices are necessarily those whose presence in Delhi is not considered absolutely essential. The Indian Bureau of Mines is one of these offices.

2. The Indian Bureau of Mines has its offices mainly at Delhi and Calcutta, apart from some regional offices at other places. For long it has been considered essential to bring all the offices together under one roof, as dispersal over long distances militates against efficiency and administrative