

(b) precautionary measures taken to ensure wholesome supply of food stuffs and sanitary conditions in the camp;

(c) the names of the Universities which did not participate in the festival and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that tickets were sold to the general public only for the final day of the Festival?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Rs. 3 lakhs have been sanctioned but the accounts have not been finalised.

(b) and (c). Two statements are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 90.]

(d) Yes, Sir.

Inter-University Youth Festival

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*807. { Shri Hem Barua:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether assessment is being made of the value of Inter-University Youth Festivals as organised so far;

(b) whether any conclusions, tentative or otherwise have emerged;

(c) whether there is any proposal to hold these festivals at different university centres in future; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) No formal assessment is being made, but the Ministry is satisfied with the increasing usefulness of the Youth Festivals.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Suggestions have been received from some quarters for the change of the venue; and they will be examined shortly.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether any rules and regulations have been framed for the conduct of

these Festivals? If so, will Government be in a position to place them on the Table of the House?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: Yes, I will be glad to do that.

Shri Hem Barua: My supplementary relates to question No. 807. In view of the criticism levelled against this Youth Festival that it has become a combination of frothy cosmopolitanism and cheap exhibitionism.....

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member need not pass any remarks. He may straightway ask the question. I am not going to allow the Question Hour for hon. Members to ventilate what, according to them, are the opinions or the things that ought to be suggested or taken note of by Government. They must only put questions and elicit information.

Shri Nath Pal: He only tried to bring home some of the criticisms....

Shri Hem Barua: My supplementary is interlocked with this. My supplementary will naturally follow out of this.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members have got a way of putting questions by just saying that some other man is of such and such an opinion and themselves persisting in that and bringing it to the notice of the House in the Question Hour. Other time might be taken advantage of for this and not the Question Hour. What is the straight question?

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that the Youth Festival appeared as a combination of frothy cosmopolitanism and cheap exhibitionism....

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow these remarks to be made during the Question Hour. Hon. Members may elicit information. This is not the occasion for them to give their own opinions about the activities of the Government. What is the straight question? He has no more questions to ask, it seems. Shri Vasudevan Nair.

Shri Hem Barua: I would like to put the supplementary now.

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow. **Shri Vasudevan Nair.**

Shri Vasudevan Nair: May I know whether there is any uniform rule for the selection of teams from the various States and how that is being done?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: I have already said in answer to a previous question that I shall be very glad to place all the rules on the Table of the House.

Shri Hem Barua: Are Government aware of the criticisms made against the Youth Festival that it is a combination of frothy cosmopolitanism and cheap exhibitionism.....

Mr. Speaker: I cannot allow that.

Shri Hem Barua: Are Government aware of the criticisms made against the Youth Festival that the standard of performance of several musical items were poor and it was only a combination of rock'n roll and cheap Bombay film music?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: That is not true. I do not accept that insinuation. We had appointed eminent artists to judge the performance of the students and they had spoken very highly of them on the last day when they gave the reports.

श्री इ० मधुसूदन राव : चार बार यूथ फेस्टिवल इधर उत्तर भारत में हो चुका है । सको अगर दक्षिण में मनाया जाए तो इससे वहाँ के लोगों को पाटिसिपेट करने में सुविधा होगी, क्या इस पर विचार किया गया है या वहाँ मनाने का प्रयत्न किया जाएगा ?

डा० का० ला० बीजाली : मैंने इस बार यह निश्चय किया है कि अगर भारतवर्ष के दूसरे प्रांतों में यूथ फेस्टिवल हो सके तो मुझे बड़ी खुशी होगी और इसका प्रयत्न किया जाएगा ।

श्री इ० मधुसूदन राव : दक्षिण भारत में उत्सवनिधा यूनिवर्सिटी तवी बड़ी निवर्सिटी है कि वहाँ पर यूथ फेस्टिवल मनाने में कोई

बिपकत नहीं हो सकती । मेरा क्यात है कि अगर ऐसी किसी जगह को ई कर यूथ फेस्टिवल मनाया गया तो दक्षिण वालों के लिए बड़ा मज़ेद होगा ।

डा० का० ला० बीजाली : यदि दक्षिण में सको मनाया जा सके तो मुझे बड़ी प्रसन्नता होगी ।

Shri Thirumala Rao: Has the attention of Government been drawn to a remark which has been made by the Chairman of the University Grants Commission that our youth are being engaged more in these lighter activities to the detriment of their serious studies?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: I had read a report to this effect in the Press. But, I do not think the Chairman had this Youth Festival in view because he himself had come to the Youth Festival and he had praised for festivals of this type.

Shri Ansar Harvani: May I know whether the messing arrangements which resulted in the illness of some participants were entrusted to a contractor or were made by the Ministry or was there a messing department of the participants?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: I had laid a statement on the Table of the House which gives full details of all the arrangements that were made by the Ministry with regard to food arrangements and catering arrangements. The Medical Officer had examined the whole thing very very carefully and there were no complaints as far as food arrangements were concerned.

Shri KhadNkar: Because of this annual feature, there is a good deal of distraction of the students from their careers and all their activities are concentrated round the preparation for the next year's festival. Will Government take some measures by which this part of distraction will be minimised?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: I would be the last person to cause any distraction as

far as the studies of students are concerned. It is generally felt that if the students get an opportunity to come together and meet together and live a corporate life for a few days, it develops national consciousness among the students; and that is a very great gain which we should not minimise.

Shri Sampath: Some universities made some representations regarding the change of venue from Delhi from time to time; and may I know the reaction of Government?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: I have already answered that question. Some suggestions have come and I would be very happy if the Youth Festivals were held in other parts of the country.

Shri Narayanankutty Menon: May I know whether it is not a fact that most of the allegations made against this Youth Festival are those which were casting aspersions upon the youth who were participating there? May I also know whether the Government would consider repudiating them?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: I am not aware of any aspersions being cast. But Government do not propose to repudiate it because we are not aware of any aspersions being cast upon the youth of the country.

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय का ध्यान अखबारों की उस प्रालोचना की ओर आकषित करना चाहता हूँ जिसमें कहा गया था कि इस यूथ फेस्टिवल के लिए जो टिकटें बेची गई थीं उनका ठीक तरह से विक्रय नहीं किया गया था। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि धारों के लिए इसका ध्यान रखा जाएगा ?

डा० का० सा० श्रीवाली : जी हाँ, इसका बराबर ध्यान रखा जाता है और धारणा भी ध्यान रखा जाएगा।

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि इस फेस्टिवल के खिलाफ जो भी एलिगेन्स लगाये गये हैं

वे ज्यादातर हिन्दुस्तान की एक खास राजनीतिक पार्टी के द्वारा लगाये गये हैं, क्या यह बात ठीक है ? ये एलिगेन्स कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी की तरफ से लगाये गये हैं।

डा० का० सा० श्रीवाली : यही मैं निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि इस फेस्टिवल को किसी पोलिटिकल पार्टी से सम्बन्धित न किया जाए। यह निवसिटीज के लड़कों का फेस्टिवल होता है, इनको निवसिटीज भेषती है और उसे किसी राजनीतिक दल का कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है।

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : एलिगेन्स जो लगाये गये हैं, वे कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी की तरफ से ज्यादातर लगाये गये हैं, क्या यह ठीक है ?

Shri D. C. Sharma: Five of the universities did not participate in this. I know the causes for the non-participation of one of them. May I know the reasons given for the non-participation of the other four universities viz. Madras, Mysore, Viswa Bharati and Venkateshwara? May I know if by the time of the next festival the causes of this non-participation will be removed as far as possible?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: Care will be taken; but every time one or two universities fall out because of one reason or the other.

Anonymous Complaint

*780. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised their attitude for taking action in respect of anonymous and pseudonymous complaints against Government servants; and

(b) whether any instructions have been issued in this connection?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) and (b). Instructions on this subject are contained in Home Ministry's Office Memorandum No. 40/4/51-Ests., dated