

reply given to Starred Question No. 358 on the 24th February, 1960 and state:

(a) whether negotiations with foreign countries regarding exploration and exploitation of oil in our country have been finalised; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय नाटक समारोह

*११२. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय नाटक समारोह में भाग ले रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उसमें भाग लेने वाले कलाकारों को चुन लिया गया है; और

(ग) इन कलाकारों को किस ढंग से चुना गया है?

वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री हुमायून कबिर) : (क) माननीय सदस्य ने यह नहीं बताया कि उनका मतलब किस अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय नाटक उत्सव से है और निकट भविष्य में होने वाले किसी नाटक उत्सव के बारे में हमें कोई खबर नहीं है।

(ख) और (ग) : सवाल पैदा नहीं होते।

Film Finance Corporation

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 Shri N. R. Muniswamy;
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta;
 Shri D. C. Sharma;
 Shri Pangarkar;
 Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Finance be

pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 987 on the 21st March, 1960 and state the nature of progress since made in setting up the Film Finance Corporation?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): The Film Finance Corporation has since been set up and the Board of Directors constituted. The authorised Capital of the Corporation is Rs. 1 crore of which Rs. 20 lakhs, wholly subscribed by Government, is the initial issued Capital.

Iron Ore and Limestone Deposits in Jammu

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 Shri P. C. Borooah;
 Shri D. C. Sharma:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that deposits of iron ore and limestone have been found near the Kalakot coal mines about 80 miles from Jammu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The iron ore deposits were located in the Pauni-Barakh Metah and Kandali areas. The approximate iron ore deposits in the Kandali area are of the order of 5 million tons. Recent investigation undertaken by the Geological Survey of India in Kandali area during 1959-60 have not been promising as the ore bodies are irregular.

It has been reported by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir that a limestone band of appreciable thickness has been found in the vicinity of Kalakot. The Department of Geology and Mining, Government of Jammu and Kashmir propose to investigate it in detail shortly.