

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, 22nd May 1956

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN

Dr. A. R. Mudaliar (Madras).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

NUMBER OF POSTS IN THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KHARAGPUR

*283. DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts sanctioned in the cadre for the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur;

(b) the number of posts that have fallen vacant so far in the different departments;

(c) the main grounds for the occurrence of such vacancies;

(d) the time which is generally taken in filling up these vacancies; and

(e) the reasons for the delay, if any, in such recruitment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS): (a) to (e). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIII, Annexure No. 62.]

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Sir, considering that the number of vacancies is very large and they have not been filled up for want of suitably qualified persons, may I know if the Government believes that in view of the paucity of talent in the country, in addition to economic poverty, conditions are ripe for the starting of such expensive technological institutions at three other centres?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: There is no doubt that there is paucity of

proper men for filling up the teaching posts, but we are making arrangements so that this paucity may go.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: What exactly is this delay in recruitment due to?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Sir, first of all, for some posts there is scarcity of properly qualified and adequately experienced men. Secondly there are the formalities that have to be gone through by the U.P.S.C. and other recruiting bodies.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Is it not a fact that for more than a year all these vacant posts have not been filled up?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Yes, Sir. There are some posts not having been filled up and thus lying vacant for more than a year; and there are a large number of vacancies where in spite of our best attempts, suitable candidates, suitable persons have not been found at all.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know, Sir, how mere delay is going to reduce this paucity of men?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Sir, we are making arrangements so that proper men may be available, and we do this by two methods. One is, we are trying to bring foreign experts and professors to this country. Secondly, Sir, we are sending our students to foreign countries to qualify themselves for these posts.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if these vacancies have been advertised in the United Kingdom where there are a large number of suitable persons?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: As I have said there are a number of posts where in spite of the best attempts on the part of the Government of India and the U.P.S.C. the proper men are not available. Sometimes we even try personally to contact these men and still we do not get them.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Were these posts advertised in the United Kingdom?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Yes.

SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP SINHA: Is it a fact, Sir, that the salaries offered in connection with these posts are not attractive enough to attract suitable persons?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: No, Sir, that is not a fact.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Is the Government aware that as many as 67 posts have been lying vacant in this Institute for more than one year causing grave dislocation of higher technological studies at the Institute?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: Yes, Sir. Of the number of posts lying vacant for over twelve months, 39 have to be filled up by the U.P.S.C. and 72 by the Employment Exchange.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Do Government contemplate any long-term plan for recruitment to fill these vacant posts in this Institute? And may I again emphasise the other and more difficult point and ask whether Government should, under these intellectual conditions embark upon costlier ventures of this kind at some other places where the institutes, no doubt—I mean the buildings—will be constructed, but the personnel required to run these institutes would be again not forthcoming?

DR. MONO MOHAN DAS: As I have said, Sir, Government is making arrangements for having proper personnel in these lines. For example we have already arranged for scholarships for sending 25 of our students each year from teaching institutions to go to foreign countries and to get themselves trained. Then about the establishment of the Western Higher Technological Institute in Bombay, we have arranged with the Russian Government to send 20 of our students to Russia to qualify themselves for filling up these posts.

INDUSTRIAL CREDIT AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION

***284. SHRI B. C. GHOSE:** Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation has, after the nationalisation of life insurance, made any representation to Government regarding the holdings of life insurance companies in the share capital of the Corporation; and

(b) if so, (i) what is the nature of that representation and (ii) what has been Government's reply to the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chairman of the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India, Ltd., brought to the notice of Government the fact that as a result of nationalisation of life insurance, the shares of the insurance companies held in the investment port-folio of the Corporation would pass into Government hands, thereby affecting the wholly private character of the Corporation. Government in their reply stated that although the extent of Government's ownership of such shares was not yet known, they would assure the Corporation that they had no intention of taking advantage of this incidental result of the nationalisation of life insurance companies to interfere in the day-to-day work of the Corporation.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Sir, may I know if the Investment Corporation expressed any opinion or fear as regards this taking over of life insurance business by Government and the ownership of certain shares that would pass into Government hands as a result thereof?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Sir, as I stated in my reply, they brought this fact to the notice of Government and although they did not express any explicit fear, there was an implied apprehension about interference in the day to day