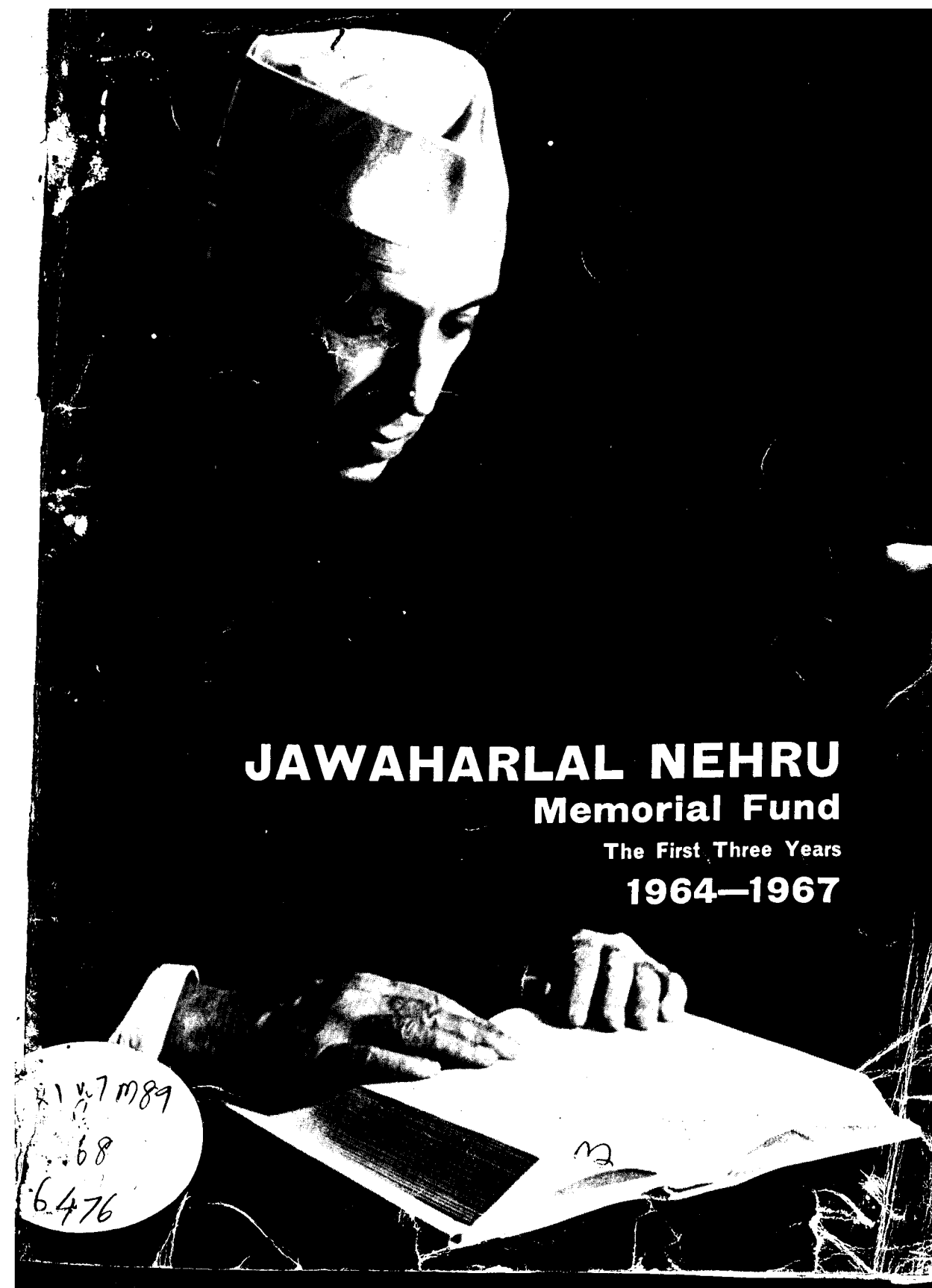


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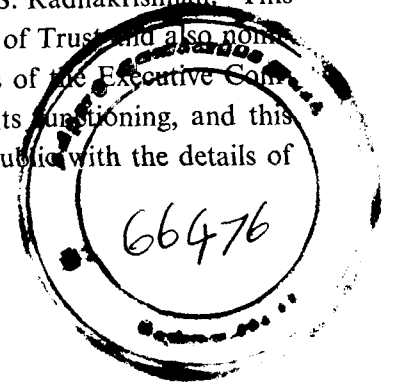
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## JAWAHARLAL NEHRU MEMORIAL FUND

### THE FIRST THREE YEARS

Jawaharlal Nehru passed away on 27th May, 1964 after a many-splendoured life dedicated to the service of the nation. Not only was his role in the freedom struggle an outstanding one, but as free India's Prime Minister for 17 years immediately following independence he became the symbol of the hopes and aspirations of resurgent India. He occupied a unique place in the hearts of the Indian people, an affection which cut across all barriers of race and creed, language and religion, party and ideology. His death was an occasion for an immense upsurge of sorrow and grief, paralleled only by the passing away of Mahatma Gandhi in 1948. A nation which owed him so much bowed in reverence to his memory.

In a way, a separate memorial to Jawaharlal Nehru is superfluous because the whole of India itself is a memorial to his dream and his vision. And yet, conditioned as we are, there was a natural desire that some specific memorial should also come into being. For this purpose Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the then President of India, issued on June 27, 1964 an appeal for contributions to a Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund. The Fund formally came into being when a National Committee consisting of 110 members was convened in New Delhi on 17th August 1964 under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. This Committee unanimously adopted a Deed of Declaration of Trust and also nominated the first Trustees, Holding Trustees and Members of the Executive Committee. The Fund has now completed three years of its functioning, and this brochure is being brought out to acquaint the general public with the details of its work.



The Executive Committee of the Fund, consisting of twentytwo members, has from its inception been presided over by Dr. Zakir Husain. Shrimati Indira Gandhi was Secretary of the Fund until she relinquished charge in April 1966 after becoming Prime Minister.

The Fund set up a Collections Sub-Committee and a Programmes Sub-Committee, designed respectively to mobilise donations and to work out the best manner in which these could be utilised to perpetuate the memory of Jawaharlal Nehru.

#### **Collections:**

It was decided that in addition to donations received directly by the Fund at New Delhi, Regional Committees should be set up in each State under the Chairmanship of the Chief Ministers in order that as wide a cross-section of people as possible is approached for contributions to the Fund. This was done, and some tentative targets were also fixed in 1965. For a variety of reasons, however, including the Indo-Pakistan conflict and the economic crisis through which the country had to pass, the actual receipts fell considerably below expectations. It may be added that a basic decision of the Fund was that no pressure of any kind should be utilised for making these collections, and that they should be purely voluntary. A separate Committee of Industrialists was set up to make collections from this section of society, and efforts were also made to approach other special groups such as major trade unions, the princes and so on. The collections received up to August 17, 1967 were Rs. 2,59,73,131-30, the broad break-up of which is shown in Appendix A. All the Trust funds are being invested in Fixed Deposits with the State Bank of India, New Delhi. The audited balance sheet of the Fund as on 31st March 1967 is shown in Appendix B.

#### **Programmes:**

From the very beginning it was decided that instead of frittering away collections upon a plethora of small projects, it would be better to utilise

them on one or two projects of a unique character which would be in harmony with Jawaharlal Nehru's ideals, his passion for the pursuit of knowledge and the enlargement of the human mind, and his deep commitment to the welfare of children. Two alternative proposals for an Academy of higher learning were worked out and carefully considered by distinguished expert Committees. Each of these proposals were considered carefully by the Executive Committee, but it was finally decided that in view of the limited resources at the disposal of the Fund it would not be practicable to go in for any such Academy. Instead, the Committee decided to institute a series of Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowships, the broad features of which were announced on his third death anniversary as outlined in Appendix C. This project has the important advantage of not involving any heavy capital expenditure, and also of being capable of early implementation. A sum of Rs. 2 crores is being set apart as a corpus, the income from which will be utilised to finance the scheme. A Selection Committee has since been set up, and the project is being actively pursued.

The second aspect of our programme is directed towards the improvement of facilities for children, whom Jawaharlal Nehru always looked upon as the real wealth of the nation. The Executive Committee was anxious not to duplicate any project that was already included in our educational system. It finally decided upon a project of sponsoring a series of Jawahar Bal Bhavans, which would be based upon the prototype provided by the Bal Bhavan and National Children's Museum in New Delhi. This is a comprehensive after-school institution where children can enrich their personalities by involving themselves in a series of artistic, technological and physical activities designed to further their creativity. It was felt that a series of such institutions throughout the country would be a fitting memorial to a man who loved children deeply and looked upon them as the architects of India's future.

The financing of these Bal Bhavans has been envisaged on the basis of 40% of the States' collections being returned to them for this purpose. The estimated cost of setting up a Bal Bhavan being Rs. 10 lakhs, it follows that unless a State

has collected Rs. 25 lakhs it will not be able to go in for this project. As the figures mentioned in Appendix A show, only four States have so far qualified for this purpose - Kerala, Madras, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. The Regional Sub-Committees in these States have been requested to proceed with the establishment of the Bal Bhavans. As far as the recurring expenditure is concerned, it is expected that this will be met by the respective State Governments from their education budgets. It is our earnest desire that the other States also will complete at least the minimum collections necessary for establishing one Jawaharlal Bal Bhavan in each State. Alternatively, the State Governments could make a special grant for this purpose to supplement the 40% due to them from their collections.

It will thus be seen that within the limited resources available to it, the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund is pursuing the goal of commemorating the departed leader in a creative manner. This is in addition to other governmental projects such as the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, the development of Shanti Vana and the establishment of the annual Nehru Peace Award.

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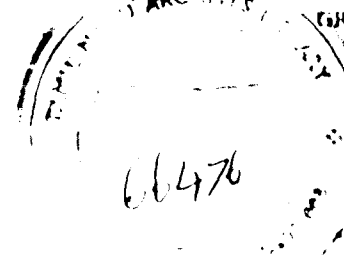
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Appendix A

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU MEMORIAL FUND

Details of donations received up to August 17, 1967

| Collections made by State Regional Sub-Committees                                        |                    |                       |                        |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Name of the State                                                                        | Target (in crores) | Forwarded to the Fund | Retained by the States | Total          |
| Andamans                                                                                 |                    |                       | 6,234.20               | 6,234.20       |
| Andhra Pradesh                                                                           | 1.30               | 25,00,000.00          | 17,47,221.54           | 42,47,221.54   |
| Assam                                                                                    | 0.50               | nil                   | nil                    | nil            |
| Bihar                                                                                    | 1.00               | nil                   | nil                    | nil            |
| Delhi                                                                                    | 1.00               | nil                   | nil                    | nil            |
| Gujarat                                                                                  | 1.00               | 1,75,001.00           | 8,02,962.84            | 9,77,963.84    |
| Himachal Pradesh                                                                         | 0.10               | 1,24,921.66           | 934.75                 | 1,25,856.41    |
| Jammu & Kashmir                                                                          | 0.20               | nil                   | 31,109.00              | 31,109.00      |
| Kerala                                                                                   | 0.50               | 17,27,859.50          | 10,13,045.75           | 27,40,905.25   |
| Madhya Pradesh                                                                           | 1.00               | 385.25                | 1,05,089.35            | 1,05,474.60    |
| Madras                                                                                   | 1.50               | 34,01,218.71          | 2,72,495.45            | 36,73,714.16   |
| Maharashtra                                                                              | 2.00               | 2,55,000.00           | 58,646.51              | 26,09,646.51   |
| Mysore                                                                                   | 1.00               | 9,10,000.00           | 30,504.55              | 9,40,504.55    |
| Mizoram                                                                                  |                    | nil                   | 23,612.73              | 23,612.73      |
| Nagaland                                                                                 | 0.02               | nil                   | 64,898.59              | 64,898.59      |
| Orissa                                                                                   | 0.50               | 21,050.00             | 1,846.76               | 22,896.76      |
| Pondicherry                                                                              | 0.01               | 79,014.32             | 43,668.16              | 1,22,682.48    |
| Punjab                                                                                   | 1.00               | nil                   | 84,766.32              | 84,766.32      |
| Rajasthan                                                                                | 0.50               | nil                   | nil                    | nil            |
| Uttar Pradesh                                                                            | 1.50               | 2,50,000.25           | 2,36,859.00            | 4,86,859.25    |
| West Bengal                                                                              | 2.00               | 8,25,000.00           | 1,18,097.98            | 9,43,097.98    |
| Total (21)                                                                               | 16.63              | 1,25,65,450.69        | 46,41,993.48           | 1,72,07,444.17 |
| 1. Collections forwarded by the State Regional Sub-Committees as in the statement above  |                    |                       |                        | 1,25,65,450.69 |
| 2. Donations received direct by the Fund                                                 |                    |                       |                        | 59,02,886.56   |
| 3. Collections forwarded by the Industrialists' Committee                                |                    |                       |                        | 75,04,794.05   |
| Total receipts in the Fund's office                                                      |                    |                       |                        | 2,59,73,131.30 |
| Add: collections retained by the State Regional Sub-Committees as in the statement above |                    |                       |                        | 46,41,993.48   |
| GRAND TOTAL                                                                              |                    |                       |                        | 3,06,15,124.78 |



**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU MEMORIAL FUND, NEW DELHI**  
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**(ESTABLISHED BY A DECLARATION AT 31ST MARCH, 1967**

| BALANCE SHEET                 |                                       |                |                | Figures for the previous year | PROPERTY AND ASSETS                       |                |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Figures for the previous year | FUNDS AND LIABILITIES                 |                |                |                               |                                           |                |
|                               |                                       | Rs             | Rs             |                               | Rs                                        | Rs             |
|                               | <b>General Fund</b>                   |                |                |                               | <b>Fixed Assets</b>                       |                |
|                               | Donations received upto 31-3-1966     | 1,07,46,864-09 |                |                               | <i>Vehicles</i>                           |                |
|                               | Donations received during the year    | 71,73,338-46   |                |                               | Purchased during the year                 | 197-80         |
|                               |                                       |                |                |                               | Less Depreciation for the year            | 29-67          |
|                               |                                       |                | 1,79,20,202-55 |                               |                                           | 168-13         |
|                               | Surplus as at 31-3-1966               | 3,33,104-50    |                |                               | <b>Investments</b>                        |                |
|                               | Add Excess of Income over Expenditure | 8,20,448-25    |                |                               | In Fixed Deposit with State Bank of India | 1,77,50,000-00 |
|                               |                                       |                | 11,53,552-75   | 1,90,73,706,10,010            | In Premium Prize Bonds                    | 1,040-00       |
| 1,10,79,968                   |                                       |                |                | 2,87,960                      |                                           | 1,77,51,040-00 |
|                               | <b>Sundry Creditors</b>               |                |                |                               | <b>Interest Accrued on Investments</b>    |                |
| 11,225                        | For expenses                          |                | 2,000          |                               | Loan (Interest free)                      | 5,05,375-00    |
|                               |                                       |                |                |                               | Nehru Memorial Museum & Library           | 40,000-00      |
|                               |                                       |                |                |                               | <b>Balance in Hand and with banks</b>     |                |
|                               |                                       |                |                |                               | In Current Account with:                  |                |
|                               |                                       |                |                |                               | State Bank of India                       | 7,77,750-38    |
|                               |                                       |                |                |                               | United Commercial Bank Ltd                | 1,257-75       |
|                               |                                       |                |                |                               | Cash in hand                              | 154-03         |
|                               |                                       |                |                | 1,82,950                      | Stamps in hand                            | 13-39          |
|                               |                                       |                |                | 273                           |                                           | 7,79,175-55    |
|                               |                                       |                |                | 0,81,193                      | <b>Amount Receivable</b>                  |                |
|                               |                                       |                |                |                               | <b>TOTAL</b>                              | 1,90,75,758-68 |
| 1,10,81,193                   | <b>TOTAL</b>                          |                | 1,90,75,758-68 |                               |                                           |                |

**Note:-** Some donations received in kind as per separate register maintained w hand.

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## JAWAHARLAL NEHRU FELLOWSHIP

## Preamble

Jawaharlal Nehru was one of those rare men in human history who can be said to have advanced the cause of civilisation through the medium of their own lives. Any scheme to honour his memory must try and take into account his multi-faceted personality and his many splendoured achievements. His eternal passion for the enlargement of the frontiers of knowledge and enrichment of the human mind are well-known. To commemorate his name, the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund has instituted Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowships dedicated to the encouragement, support and patronage of higher learning and of free intellectual inquiry. These seek to provide an opportunity to exceptionally talented persons to devote themselves with freedom to their creative work for a certain period of time.

## Eligibility

The Fellowships are open to scholars in every discipline—the sciences as well as the humanities—and also to categories of people who are capable of creative activity but are not normally covered by existing schemes, such as writers, journalists, artists and civil servants. The only criterion is that they should possess proven capacity for outstanding work, and a real desire to pursue a creative project such as writing a book, monograph, paper, or to explore new possibilities in their chosen field, or to bring their previous training and experience up-to-date. As Jawaharlal Nehru said, "Man today, as never before in human history, has to live with change as a permanent partner in his activities and his institutions." This applies even to the most brilliant scholars who frequently need periods which they can devote entirely to the enrichment of their intellectual capital particularly in view of the speed with which every discipline is developing in this nuclear age. The absence of adequate facilities in our country for such periodical intellectual "capital formation" is certain to condemn us to perpetual dependence on more advanced countries. While it will not be desirable to lay down any age restrictions, efforts will be made to ensure an adequate number of men and women in their thirties or forties, so that the Fellowships will result in a long period of creativity which would be of benefit to the country. The Fellowship is open, for the present, to Indian citizens and they will have complete freedom to work at places of their choice within India.

## Selection

Great importance is attached to the selection of the first Fellows, as they will set the standard for the future. The Jawaharlal Nehru Fellows will be nominated by a Selection Committee consisting of distinguished persons in different fields appointed every two years by the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund. The strength of the Selection Committee will not exceed seven, including the Secretary of the Fund who will be an ex-officio member. The Selection Committee will evolve its own mode of procedure, and will try to ensure that the widest possible spectrum of creative talent is involved in these Fellowships.

## The Fellows

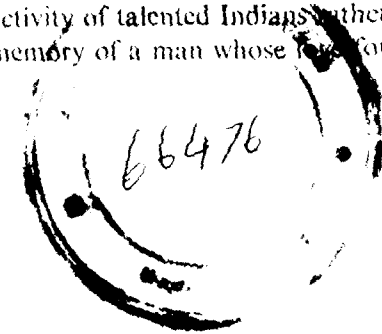
The number of Fellows at a given time shall not exceed twentyfive, but in view of the necessity to maintain the highest standards of excellence the Selection Committee need not feel compelled to reach the maximum number. The duration of the Fellowships will vary between one and two years according to the requirements of each individual case.

## The Stipend

The Fellows will be paid a stipend equivalent to one and a half times the emoluments drawn by them at the time of selection, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 3,000/- per month. For non-salaried persons the Selection Committee will have discretion to fix the stipend within this ceiling. The Fellows will be provided secretarial assistance if necessary and can also undertake travelling to pursue their work. Their actual expenses on these two items and other contingencies will be met by the Fund subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/- per annum for each Fellow.

## General

The present scheme of Fellowships represents the core of an idea which is expected to develop and receive elaboration subsequently. It should not be regarded as closed and final, and the intention is that there should be enough flexibility to adapt it to changing national requirements. Such a scheme, in which money is spent in furthering the creative activity of talented Indians rather than on brick and mortar, is well suited to the memory of a man whose love for his country was unique and abiding.



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