

(f) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken for its revival ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, as there were two Divisions of the Central Water Commission functioning at Bhubaneshwar in Orissa, one of the Division, namely, Brahmani-Subarnarekha Division has been converted into a Monitoring and Appraisal Unit under the regionalisation programme of Central Water Commission. This Unit will monitor the major and medium irrigation projects in the State.

(c) and (d) Some representations have been received against the conversion of the Division into a Monitoring and Appraisal Unit. But the Government are of the opinion that since this has been done without any reduction in the activities of the Central Water Commission or retrenchment of the existing staff the present arrangement is more appropriate for efficient functioning of the Central Water Commission in the State.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. In the light of the replies to parts (c) and (d) above, it has been decided to continue the existing arrangement.

[Translation]

National Award to Teachers

279. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the norms and procedure prescribed to select primary and higher secondary teachers for President's National awards;

(b) whether reports of large scale manipulation and charges have been received in respect of the list of the teachers selected and recommended as per the prescribed norms;

(c) if so, the details thereof, Statewise and Place-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent manipulations in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Statement

Norms and Procedure prescribed to select primary and higher secondary teachers for National Award:

- Classroom teachers with atleast 15 years teaching experience and headmasters with 20 years of experience and who are actually working as teachers/headmasters in recognised primary/middle/high/higher secondary schools only shall be considered. Teachers who are teaching upto class VIII should be considered in the category of Primary School Teachers and those teaching classes IX—XII in the category of Secondary School Teachers.
- Normally retired teachers are not eligible for the award but those teachers who have served a part of the calendar year (atleast for four months) may be considered if they fulfil all other conditions.
- Teachers whose names were recommended last year or before can be considered again if they are still otherwise eligible and are recommended by the State Government/Union Territory Administration.
- Teachers from the recognised institutions for the physically and mentally handicapped are also eligible for the awards, provided they fulfil all other prescribed conditions.
- Educational administrators (Inspectors of Education etc.) and the staff of training colleges are not eligible for these awards.

In addition to the above, the main considerations which should guide the selection of teachers are :

- Teacher's reputation in the local community.
- His/her academic efficiency and desire for its improvement.
- His/her genuine interest in and love for children.
- His/her involvement in the social life of the community.

[English]

Hydrological Studies in Karnataka

280. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested to include Karnataka also in the project to conduct hydrological studies in the peninsular states under a programme of the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details including the expenditure being incurred under this IDA assisted project ?