

THE CENTRAL ADVISORY BOARD OF EDUCATION (CABE)

Brief History

The Central Advisory Board of Education, the oldest and the most important advisory body of the Government of India in education was first established in 1920 and dissolved in 1923 as a measure of economy. It was revived in 1935 and has been in existence ever since.

2. Origin of the Board:

The idea that there should be a central Advisory Board of Education was first put forward by the Calcutta University Commission (1917-19) which felt "that the Government of India could perform an invaluable function by defining the general aims of educational policy, by giving advice and assistance to local governments and to the development of educational ideas in the various provinces, and also elsewhere than in India." Almost simultaneously the Government of India Act, 1919 decided to make education mainly a provincial and a transferred subject and to limit the 'control' of the Central Government over it to the minimum. This fundamental decision changed the character of the Government of India from that of an executive to an advisory authority; and consequently, the Secretariat Procedure Committee set up to implement the Government of India Act, 1919, observed that, in future, the executive authority of the Government of India should be mainly exercised through moral persuasion and recommended that, "in place of giving executive orders it should tend more and more to become a centre of the best information, research and advice." This recommendation made the adoption of the recommendation of the Calcutta University Commission all the more imperative and accordingly, a Central Advisory Board of Education was set up in 1920 under the chairmanship of Education Commissioner to the Government of India. It is a good deal of useful work but, owing to a financial crisis calling for drastic retrenchments, was abolished in 1923.

3. Revival and Reconstitution of the board:

For the next twelve years, there was no Central body to advise the Government of India in educational matters. However, a feeling of regret at the discontinuance of the Board began to grow, especially after the Report of Hartog Committee (1928) which observed that the divorce between the Government of India and education had been unfortunate. consequently, the present Central Advisory Board of Education was revived in 1935.

4. Constitution:

The first constitution of the Board was given in the Government of India (Education, Health and Lands Department) Resolution No.F.122-3/35-E dated 8th of August, 1935. The Board has been reconstituted vide Government of India Resolution No.1-2/90- PN(D.II) dated 19th October, 1990, as per Annexure-I.

5. The Present Composition:

The present composition of the Board is given in Annexure-II.

6. Meetings held:

The practice adopted by the Board has been to hold one meeting every year, although the record of the last fifty- five years shows that there were no meetings in 1937, 1939, 1966, 1969, 1973, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985 and 1990, and two meetings were held

each in 1938, 1943, 1950 and 1986.

The details of the venues and chairmanship of the 48 meetings held so far are given in the following table:

S.No.	Year of the Meeting	Place of the Meeting	Chairmanship
1.	1935	New Delhi	Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai
2.	1936	New Delhi	Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad
3.	1938	New Delhi	Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad
4.	1938	New Delhi	Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad
5.	1940	Simla	Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai
6.	1941	Madras	Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai
7.	1942	Hyderabad	Sir Maurice Gwyer
8.	1943	Lucknow	Sardar Sir Jogendra Singh
9.	1943	Dehradun	Sir Maurice Gwyer
10.	1944	Baroda	Sardar Sir Jogendra Singh
11.	1945	Karachi	Sardar Sir Jogendra Singh
12.	1946	Mysore	Hon'ble Rt. Rev. G.D. Barne
13.	1947	Bombay	Shri C. Rajagopalachari
14.	1948	New Delhi	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
15.	1949	Allahabad	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
16.	1950	Cuttack	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
17.	1950	New Delhi	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
18.	1951	Thiruvananthapuram	Shri B.G. Kher
19.	1952	New Delhi	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
20.	1953	New Delhi	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
21.	1954	New Delhi	Shri N.K. Sidhanta
22.	1955	New Delhi	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
23.	1956	New Delhi	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
24.	1957	New Delhi	Dr. K.L. Shrimali
25.	1958	New Delhi	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
26.	1959	Madras	Dr. K.L. Shrimali
27.	1960	New Delhi	Dr. K.L. Shrimali
28.	1961	New Delhi	Dr. K.L. Shrimali
29.	1962	Jaipur	Dr. K.L. Shrimali

30.	1963	Pachmarhi	Dr. K.L. Shrimali
31.	1964	Bangalore	Shri M.C. Chagla
32.	1965	Chandigarh	Shri M.C. Chagla
33.	1967	New Delhi	Dr. Triguna Sen
34.	1968	New Delhi	Dr. Triguna Sen
35.	1970	New Delhi	Prof. V.K.R.V. Rao
36.	1972	New Delhi	Prof. S. Nurul Hasan
37.	1974	New Delhi	Prof. S. Nurul Hasan
38.	1975	New Delhi	Prof. S. Nurul Hasan
39.	1983	New Delhi	Smt. Sheela Kaul
40.	1986(April)	New Delhi	Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao
41.	1986(August)	New Delhi	Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao
42.	1987(June)	New Delhi	Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao
43.	1988(March)	New Delhi	Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao
44.	1988(Sept.)	New Delhi	Shri P. Shiv Shankar
45.	1989(July)	New Delhi	Shri P. Shiv Shankar
46.	1991(March)	New Delhi	Shri Rajmangal Pande
47.	1992(May)	New Delhi	Shri Arjun Singh
48.	1992(August)	New Delhi	Shri Arjun Singh
49.	1993(October)	New Delhi	Shri Arjun Singh
50.	1994(March)	New Delhi	Shri Arjun Singh
51.	2004(August)	New Delhi	Shri Arjun Singh
52.	2005(June)	New Delhi	Shri Arjun Singh
53.	2005(July)	New Delhi	Shri Arjun Singh
54.	2005(September)	New Delhi	Shri Arjun Singh
