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MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOARD HELD ON 30-12-1998 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOARD AT 2, COMMUNITY CENTRE, PREET VIHAR, DELHI-110092.

01. The list of the members who were present and those who could not be present in the meeting is given in Annexure-1.
02. At the very outset, Chairman, Prof. B.P. Khandelwal extended a very warm welcome to all the members and his fellow colleagues to the meeting.
03. He accorded a special welcome to Smt. Archana Arora, Director of Education, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and Dr. G.L. Jambhulkar, Asstt. Educational Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education, who were attending the meeting of the Board for the first time.
04. The Chairman, Prof. B.P. Khandelwal apprised the members about emerging trends among the students and the parents with regard to the examination results. He pointed out that with the passage of time, there is greater reactiveness and neither students nor parents feel shy of criticising the system going to the press and the media as also entering into litigation directly or indirectly. He said that much of the criticism is imaginary and over-blown because of misinformation or inadequate information. He assured the members that the Board's efficiency is on the increase not only year after year but also day after day. He said, however, that the Board was taking all possible steps to control these trends and have better information rapport with the schools and the students.
05. He added that the Board has appointed a high powered committee headed by the former Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Shri P.R. Chauhan to examine and review the evaluation system of the Board and submit the report with well considered suggestions and recommendations. The report of this committee was duly considered by the Examination Committee at its emergent meeting held on 7th November, 1998 and is now the subject of consideration for this August House.
06. The Chairman expressed deep satisfaction at the mounting popularity of the Board for affiliation. He said that a numbr of applications are pouring in regularly for this purpose. But the Board is rather cautious and hesitates to grant affiliation unless it is convinced that the school has adequate infrastructure, qualified and well paid staff and its campus is well developed to impart quality education as per the Board's norms. Nonetheless, the number of affiliated schools is continuously going up. He said that on date, there were 5119 as against 4, 843 schools in previous year. He informed the members that the Board reviews its Bye-Laws from time to time to make them fool-proof as well as more relevant to the changing educational scenario.
07. He then placed before the House some of the salient features of different activities undertaken by the Board since the last meeting held on 9th October, 1998.

1. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The Board has been making constant endeavour to update the knowledge of our teachers through various programmes organised by it in the arena of curriculum

designing, curriculum renewal, teachers training programmes etc. Some of the specific activities undertaken during this period are as follows:

1.1 IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TEACHERS IN ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS

As reported in the last meeting of the Governing Body of the Board, the CBSE has taken a Project for extensive orientation programmes for teachers of English and Mathematics for classes IX and X and classes XI and XII. 16 In-service Training Programmes for teachers have been conducted from October, 1998 to mid-December in English at Delhi, Chandigarh, Indore, Amritsar, Dhanbad, Pune, Nagpur, Chennai, Mumbai, Noida, Sikkim, Calcutta and Bhubneshwar. 10 programmes have been held in Mathematics at Delhi, Chandigarh, Lucknow, Baroda, Guwahati and Chennai. One-day orientation programme for Key Resource Persons in Mathematics was also held in the month of October, 1998 to discuss the strategies and methodologies for conducting the workshops.

1.2 GENERAL SKILLS FOR EFFECTIVE ADULT CITIZENSHIP

The Committee constituted by the CBSE for development of 'General Skills for Effective Adult Citizenship' has completed the task. Material developed will play crucial role in making schooling process contextual and relevant to forming a learning society. The skills that every student should learn during the schooling have been identified stagewise. The material is being published and will be sent to the schools shortly.

1.3 ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMMES

All India Essay Competition on Road Safety awareness is being conducted by the CBSE in the first week of January, 1999 in collaboration with Sahodaya School Complexes in all Indian languages. About 1000 schools are expected to participate in the programme. The first three position holders in each language will be given certificate by the CBSE.

1.4 PUBLICATION ON GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The publication on Golden Jubilee Celebrations held in the CBSE affiliated schools has been published and is placed on the table.

1.5 OPERATION MATHEMATICS

During the period under consideration, the Board had taken up project on 'Operation Mathematics' in a committed manner. Training programmes have been organised for teachers across the country. On similar lines training programmes have been organised for the revised up-dated curriculum at the senior school level. The Board has also brought out new textual material for the revised part of Mathematics Syllabus at class XI. The Board conducted Group Mathematics olympiad examination in which about 900 students appeared. This examination was conducted in about 19 centres across the country. The Board had also undertaken training programmes in English at the secondary school level at various places. Orientation programmes in Business Studies, Economics and Consumer Education have also been conducted.

1.6 RENEWAL OF THE CURRICULUM

The Board had taken up the renewal of the curriculum in French on the basis of the communicative approach. The programme has been officially launched and it is expected that the new syllabus in French for class IX will be implemented in April 2000. A similar project has also been undertaken in Sanskrit for revision and updation of its curriculum on interactive communicative approach.

1.7 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The Board has been making follow up activities in the Industry-Collaborative model of vocational education. Meetings have been held with FICCI and the Board is planning to introduce this model in about 25 schools in the next academic year.

1.8 SIXTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SAHODAYA SCHOOL COMPLEXES

The Board conducted the Sixth National Conference of Sahodaya School Complexes at Hyderabad between 10th to 12th December, 1998. About 110 Principals all over the country participated in the Conference. Two major recommendations of the Conference were with regard to introduction of frontline curriculum to keep pace with the emergent changes consequent globalization. The second recommendation was to emphasise the urgent need of training the Principals of the affiliated schools in an efficient manner, if necessary in collaboration with senior management institutions of the country.

2. EXAMINATION, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SPORTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2.1 ALL INDIA PRE-MEDICAL AND PRE-DENTAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 1999

In its last meeting held on 9th October, 1998, this Hon'ble House had resolved that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Council of India be approached and informed that the Board will not be able to conduct the All India Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Examination in the year 1999 under the revised criteria not only because the imposition of the requirement of obtaining 50% marks in English both at the qualifying and competitive examinations is unfair and has a bias towards Hindi medium students and rural population, but also it is not yet decided what should be the syllabus in English and what areas such as literature, expression, grammar, spoken English, reading comprehension be tested. Since the preparation for 1999 Examination had already begun, it was not possible to prepare the syllabus etc. at that stage and conduct the examination under the revised criteria. The Supreme Court of India may also be informed if considered necessary.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was requested to reconsider the whole issue. It is a matter of satisfaction that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have agreed to retain the existing eligibility criteria for admission to MBBS/Dental Courses in the 1999 Examination. The requirement of 50% marks in English both at the qualifying and competitive Examinations has been waived for the time being. However, the issue is still under consideration of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with regard to the All India Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Examinations to be conducted in the year 2000 onwards.

This Hon'ble House had also resolved that the CBSE may conduct a study to see the co-relation between the marks obtained by the candidates at the +2 examination and those who are selected and placed in the merit list/wait list. With a view to study the pattern and the co-relation, the data of 1450 students out of 2700 students was analysed by the Board. The position of the candidates selected in different range of marks was as under:

Range of Marks	No. of candidates selected
90% and above	87
75-90%	1007
60-75%	332
50-60%	25

2.2 PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

A modest beginning of organising Inter-School Sports Competitions for the independent category of schools, way back in 1996 has gradually matured as a fruitful plant in two years time. Under this programme, Sports Competitions are organised in the sports disciplines like Athletic, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Chess and Kho-Kho. The cluster level, zonal level sports competitions have successfully been completed in almost all the games in various parts of the country. Now, we are inching towards the National level competitions in all these disciplines which are commencing from 20th December, 1998 onwards at various centres.

These competitions have evoked overwhelming response not only from the schools in India but also from the Gulf Region. A strong 44 member contingent in Athletics, boys Basketball team from Dubai, a boys Table Tennis team from Muscat and Dubai are coming to participate in the respective National Championships.

2.3 With a view to strengthen the Competitive Sports Programme, an Orientation Course for teachers in Physical Education was arranged by the CBSE at the prestigious Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education (Deemed University), Gwalior from 15th to 28th June, 1998. The Special feature of the contents for this course were unique in the sense that they were directly related to developing skills in officiating, coaching and conduct of competitions. This has been highly appreciated by the teachers and hence it is proposed to have more such courses in future. Such courses have succeeded because they are organised during the summer vacations.

2.4 Another feature has been total revamping of the curriculum of Health & Physical Education for the +2 level (optional component and core component) in the subject from classes VI to XII has already been completed. Shortly, the Course Committee is going to have series of meetings to prepare the teachers manual and organise orientation programmes with a view to apprise the subject teachers about the changes likely to be brought into the curriculum. Once the process of preparation of teachers manual and orientation programme is completed, it is proposed to introduce the revised curriculum with effect from the session 2000-2001.

3. ADMINISTRATION

With a view to streamline the administrative and examination system, the Board had appointed the National Productivity Council, an organisation under the Govt. of India, to conduct the study of methods, procedures and the requirement of personnel at various branches of the Headquarters of the Board and the Regional Offices of Delhi and Ajmer. Various issues are being discussed with the officers of the National Productivity Council from time to time so that a fruitful report could be submitted by the Council. It is expected that the Council will submit its report shortly. As soon as the report is received the same will be examined administratively and financially and reported to this Hon'ble House.

4. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Chairman informed the House that an International Conference had been organised by the CBSE in collaboration with International Institute for Educational Planning on curriculum development an UNESCO institution. It will be held in New Delhi from 9 to 17 March, 1999 and would be attended by the delegates of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam including India.

He then requested the Secretary to take up the agenda items for discussion by this August House.

Thereafter Secretary then took up the items of the agenda.

ITEM I TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOARD HELD ON 9TH OCTOBER, 1998.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body of the Board held on 9th October, 1998 be confirmed.

ITEM II TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE FOLLOW UP ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

Resolved that the report on the follow-up action taken on the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Body held on 9th October, 1998 be recorded.

Secretary then requested the Controller of Examinations to take up the minutes of the emergent meeting of the Examination Committee held on 7th November, 1998.

ITEM III TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT MEETING OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER, 1998 (ANNEXURE-2)

The recommendations of the Examination Committee regarding the Chauhan Committee were deliberated upon at length and it was resolved as under:

1. The format of the Question Paper from the examinations of 2000 may be suitably revised but it should be ensured that it does not in any way affect the design and objectives laid down in the curriculum.
2. The format of the answer book and the separate sheet as proposed by the Examination Committee be approved. The sample of the answer book and the separate sheet alongwith duties of the examiners and the coordinators as proposed by the Examination Committee were also approved.
3. The proposal of the Examination Committee for commencing the session from 1st May of the year did not find favour. As recommended by the Examination Committee, the Governing Body felt that it is the need of the hour to adhere to the laid down schedule of various activities of the Board including evaluation.
4. The Examination Committee's proposal of staggering the examinations and conducting them in two shifts also did not find favour. The proposal for the enhancement of evaluation rates as proposed was also approved.

While discussing the issues of non-availability of the examiners, the Governing Body resolved that the problem can be taken care of by enhancing the number of Nodal Centres in such a way that the examiners could be available on these nodal centres from the neighbouring schools. It further resolved that incentives and disincentives may also be provided for teachers who act/do not act as examiners. The schools may be persuaded to lend the services of the qualified teachers for acting as examiners and if necessary stringent administrative action against the defaulting schools may be initiated.

5. Regarding delineation of the regions, it was resolved that its feasibility may be examined.
6. The recommendations of the Examination Committee for providing an Additional Head Examiners for class XII at the Nodal Centres were approved.

7. It was further resolved that the checks and balances provided in the system be adhered to and necessary instructions in this regard be issued to the official(s) concerned.
8. Regarding compilation of results and preparation of award lists the recommendations of the Examination Committee were approved.

The Board also placed on record its appreciation for the Chauhan Committee of submitting a detailed report within a short period.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman expressed his sincerest thanks for the whole-hearted cooperation extended by the members of the Governing Body, the Board officials, the officials of the MHRD, NCERT, KVS, NVS, Directorates of Education and various individual organisations.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(S. C. GUPTA)
SECRETARY

Sd/-
(B. P. KHANDELWAL)
CHAIRMAN

The following Members attended the meeting :

1. Prof. B. P. Khandelwal,
Chairman,
C.B.S.E.,
Preet Vihar,
Delhi-110 092.
2. Prof. P. S. Bisen,
Vice-Chancellor,
Barkatullah University,
Bhopal - 462 016.
3. Prof. Abad Ahmed,
Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
University of Delhi,
Delhi - 110 007
4. Ms. Archana Arora,
Director of Education,
Directorate of Education,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi,
Old Secretariat,
Delhi - 110 054
5. Prof. S. S. Rana,
Dean of Colleges,
Delhi University,
Delhi - 110 007.
6. Shri N. S. Tolia,
Addl. Director of Education (School),
Directorate of Education,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi,
Old Secretariat,
Delhi - 110 054.
7. Shri D. S. Mangat,
D. P. I. Schools,
Sector-9,
U.T. Secretariat,
Chandigarh - 160 017.
8. Shri P. C. Bose,
D. D. (Text Books) &
Managing Director,
Delhi Bureau of Text Books,
25/2, Institutional Area,
D-Block, Pankha Road,
Janak Puri,
New Delhi - 110 058

9. Shri M. V. Prasad,
Principal,
Daly College,
Indore (M. P.) - 452 001.

10. Dr. G. L. Jambhulkar,
A.E.A.,
M.H.R.D.,
Deptt. of Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110 001.

Nominee of M.H.R.D.

11. Shri S.B. Katara,
Principal,
Govt. Sarvodaya Boys Sec. School,
Mayur Vihar, Phase-I,
Delhi.

12. Shri V. M. Arya,
Principal,
Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School,
D-Block, Ashok Vihar,
Delhi - 110 052.

13. Shri S. C. Gupta,
Secretary,
C.B.S.E.,
Preet Vihar,
Delhi - 110 092.

The following officers attended the meeting as special invitees:

1. Shri G. Balasubramanian,
Director (Acad.),
C. B. S. E.,
Preet Vihar,
Delhi - 110 092.
2. Shri H. R. Gupta,
Controller of Exams. (P.&P.),
C.B.S.E.,
17-B, I.P. Estate,
New Delhi - 110 002.
3. Shri Pavnesh Kumar,
Controller of Examinations,
C.B.S.E.,
Preet Vihar,
Delhi - 110 092.

The following Members had shown their inability to attend the meeting :

1. Dr. V. S. Patel,
Vice-Chancellor,
Sardar Patel University,
Vallabh Vidyanagar,
Gujarat - 388 120.
2. Prof. N. C. Nigam,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Roorkee,
Roorkee.
3. Dr. H. C. Pandey,
Vice-Chairman,
Birla Institute of Tech.,
Ranchi,
Bihar.
4. Shri F. Fanthome,
Chief Executive & Secretary,
Council for the Indian School
Certificate Examination,
Pragati House,
Nehru Place,
New Delhi - 110 019.
5. Shri T. T. Dorgi,
Secretary-cum-Director
of Education,
Govt. of Sikkim,
New Secretariat,
Gangtok - 737 101.
6. Shri A. K. Das,
Secretary (Education),
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh,
Naharlagun - 791110.
7. Shri N. Das,
Director of Education,
A & N Island,
Port Blair - 744 101.
8. Dr. S. Venkateshwaran,
Director,
Birla Institute of Tech. & Science
Pilani,
Rajasthan.
9. Prof. S. Rinpoche,
Director,
Central Institute of Higher
Tibetan Studies, Sarnath,
Varanasi - 221007.

10. Dr. P. H. S. Rao,
Jt. Educational Adviser,
M.H.R.D.,
Deptt. of Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110 001.
11. Smt. Arti Kant,
Director (Sec. Edu.),
M.H.R.D.,
Deptt. of Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110 001.
12. Prof. Krishan Kumar,
Deptt. of Education,
University of Delhi,
Delhi - 110 007.
13. Shri Mohan Francis,
D. F. A.,
M. H. R.D.,
Deptt. of Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110 001.
14. Km. Chandra Ganguli,
Principal,
Mamta Modern School,
H-Block, Vikas Puri,
New Delhi.
15. Dr. (Mrs.) G.D. Bakshi,
Principal & Chair-Person,
I. P. S. C.,
Maharani Gaitri Devi Girls School,
Ajmeri Gate,
Jaipur.
16. Shri V. P. Singh,
Principal,
Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya,
Kanti Nagar,
Delhi.

The following Officers of the Board were in attendance :

1. Shri B.R. Gupta,
Joint Secretary (Co-ordn.)
2. Shri A. D. Sachdev,
Joint Secretary (ROD)
3. Shri N. N. Mathur,
Joint Secretary (Secret)
4. Shri B.M. Gupta,
Head (C. C.)

5. Shri Shashi Bhushan,
Deputy Secretary (V.&A.)
6. Shri K. K. Sinha,
Deputy Secretary (Admn.III)
7. Shri V.P. Gupta,
A.O. (H. Q.)

ITEM III TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE IN ITS EMERGENT MEETING HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER, 1998 AT 10.00 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT:-

1. PROF. B. P. KHANDELWAL	IN THE CHAIR
2. MS. ARCHANA ARORA	MEMBER
3. SMT. V. PARTHASARATHI	SPECIAL INVITEE
4. PROF. SURAJ BHAN SINGH	MEMBER
5. SHRI Z.S. CHHIKARA	MEMBER
6. SHRI PAVNESH KUMAR	MEMBER

Prof. L.S. Kothari, Dy. Financial Adviser, MHRD and Dr. S. D. Singh could not attend the meeting. Shri Z.S. Chhikara attended the meeting on behalf of the Commissioner of K.V.S. Shri B.R. Gupta, Joint Secretary - Co-ordination - was also present in the meeting.

At the outset the Chairman, CBSE, extended a warm welcome to the members of the emergent meeting of the Examination Committee. The Chairman, CBSE, informed that a Committee headed by Shri P.R. Chauhan, Former Commissioner of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was constituted in the wake of various comments/observations in newspapers and the protest voiced by the students and parents after the declaration of 1998 examinations results. The Committee has since submitted its report.

The emergent meeting of the Examination Committee considered the report which was placed on the table in detail and resolved that the recommendations of the Committee be accepted subject to the modification suggested and incorporated by the Examination Committee as per Annexure - A -

The Examination Committee further resolved to place on record its appreciation for the CHAUHAN COMMITTEE which came out with a detailed report in a very short time.

ITEM

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH OF OCTOBER, 1998.

Controller of Examinations, CBSE, reported that the recommendations of the Examination Committee held on 6th of October, 1998 were placed before the Governing Body of the Board in its meeting held on 9th of October, 1998 and were approved by it. Therefore, the Committee resolved that the minutes be recorded.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-
(PAVNESH KUMAR)
CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS

Sd/-
(B. P. KHANDELWAL)
CHAIRMAN

**RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE HEADED BY SHRI P.R. CHAUHAN,
FORMER COMMISSIONER OF KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.02 TO 8.03

More than 90% of mistakes are in certain question papers that require marks to be awarded for sub-questions at 30-40 places or more. The Committee has suggested that this system may be regrouped. The format of question paper may be varied slightly so that instead of independent question carrying one mark each or so could be grouped together as sub-questions of one main question and the Examiner is instructed to give only total marks of the questions.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Accepted. This suggestion of the Committee will be further examined for effecting change in the format of the question paper from the examinations of 2000.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.04 TO 8.08

Double cover page may be provided in the answer book and carry them on a detached sheet which may have only vertical one line sub-totals which would render arithmetical process of adding etc. less cumbersome and less prone to mistakes. The total marks given by the Examiner at the end of answer book may be done away with. The Co-ordinators work in verifying total marks had been done carelessly and incorrectly. The Co-ordinators may now use an extra sheet with a single vertical column as far as possible, enter the marks question-wise from the answer book which had already been marked by the examiner and independently total the marks that the candidate has been awarded. Separate totalling of marks can be collated and the Head Examiner may finally indicate which marks, in case of discrepancy, may go in the award list.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

The proposed system does not provide for writing of marks and their grand total on the title page of the answer book or for writing of total marks at the end of the last question attempted by the candidate inside the answer book. This may provide ample opportunity for unscrupulous elements for manipulation. Therefore, it was agreed that :-

1. the format of the answer book may be revised with two vertical columns for writing the marks obtained instead of the existing four columns;
2. the colour of the answer book for Secondary and Senior Secondary may be different;
3. a separate sheet may be provided for writing marks by the examiner instead of writing marks on the title cover of the answer book. Thereafter, this sheet will be handed over to the Head Examiner by the Examiner for safe custody;
4. the first co-ordinator may now post the marks on the title cover of the answer book and calculate grand total and write the same on the title cover as well as at the end of the last question attempted by the candidate inside the answer book;

5. the second co-ordinator will now obtain the sheet from the Head Examiner on which the Examiner has posted the marks and collate these marks with those posted on the answer book. Where there is a difference in the marks of the answer book and the sheet, the second co-ordinator would check the answer book for correctness and get it corrected from the Head Examiner. Thereafter, the second co-ordinator would be required to prepare the award list on the basis of correct marks indicated on the title cover of the answer book.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.09 TO 8.12

The Committee is of the view that best teachers do not make themselves available for working as Examiners. Possible reasons could be, lack of incentive in this regard/owing to poor remuneration and/or lack of proper physical facilities for work. The Committee further feels that the existing rates of remuneration could not be considered very low. However, there has been escalation of prices and there may be a case of upward revision on this account. Regarding teachers deliberately or otherwise making themselves non-available, the Committee feels that the policy of *lassiee-faire* as practiced by the Board has been liberal so far. The Committee feels that there is a need for the Board to implement its own provisions and give a very firm and clear message that it means business in carrying out its directions. Similarly, punishment for work not done properly should not only be insisted upon but conveyed in its proper perspective and implication. The Committee strongly feels that if a teacher cannot correctly total marks in the manner desired by the marking scheme or has inadequate knowledge of subject, should not be allowed to continue in the profession. The Committee further suggests that communications sent to different departments for initiating action against any teacher should be properly monitored till they come to logical conclusion.

RESOLUTION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE

The Examination Committee while considering these recommendations of the CHAUHAN COMMITTEE recommended that :-

1. the academic session which now commences on 1st of April may need a change and the possibility of commencing the session from 1st of May may be explored so that the teachers could be relieved for evaluation purposes without any hinderance to the academic activities of the school;
2. the Examination Committee was of the view that once the evaluation schedule is finalised and conveyed to the prospective examiners/Head of Schools, every effort should be made to follow the laid schedule strictly.
3. This may be examined if the examinations could be conducted in two shifts to reduce the number of days required for the conduct of examinations.
4. that the class XII examination may be commenced earlier and class X examination could begin after a gap of about 10-15 days from the date of commencement of class XII examinations and that
5. in view of the CHAUHAN COMMITTEE report, the Examination Committee resolved that the evaluation rates be revised effective from 1999 examinations as indicated below:-

CLASS X : from Rs. 3.50 to Rs. 4.00 per answer book

CLASS XII : from Rs. 4.50 to Rs. 5.00 per answer book

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.13

The Committee is of the view that the problem of non-availability of qualified and efficient teachers though existing to a certain extent in almost all Regions it is particularly acute in the Delhi Region. It further says that there is a cluster of affiliated schools in the adjoining towns of FARIDABAD, GURGAON, NOIDA AND GHAZIABAD. The Committee feels that if it is possible to re-organise and club all the schools in the National Capital Region into two equal and separate Regions say Eastern Delhi and Western Delhi with both the Headquarters either in Delhi or one in the cities mentioned above, it feels that fairly large number of suitable teachers will be available at the disposal of the Regions. However, the Committee has refrained from giving any recommendation in this regard.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

This is a wider question of delineation of Regions. It could be considered separately at an appropriate time by the CBSE.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.14

The Committee suggests that at the spot evaluation centres the examiners may be issued not more than four answer books within an hour instead of 20-25 answer books in a day in one go.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

The spirit of this recommendation can be taken care of through close and continuous academic supervision by the Head and the Additional Head Examiners. It is hoped that the examiners would devote reasonably sufficient time for evaluating 20 to 25 answer books in a day.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.15

The Committee is of the view that in the existing scheme of things HE is usually the Head of the Institution and, therefore, his visits to the evaluation centres are confined to sporadic presence with the result that the supervisory role expected of him suffers. It has, therefore, suggested that an AHE academically qualified to be at least a PGT in the same subject with not less than ten years of teaching experience and be even a retired person could be appointed to perform all such duties as the HE may delegate to him.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Resolved that the additional functionary in the form of AHE may be appointed by the Head Examiner either from amongst the appointed examiners or from the teaching staff of the school concerned so as to ensure close academic supervision. The person so appointed as Additional Head Examiner should be a PGT in the same subject with not less than 8 years of experience as PGT of that subject. However, AHE would be appointed only when the number of examiners is not less than 5. This will be for class XII only on a trial basis. The AHE be paid an honorarium of Rs. 120/- per day + conveyance and refreshment allowance as admissible to an Examiner.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.16

Checks and balances provided in the system must be scrupulously followed and no deviation for the sake of expediency should be allowed. It feels that if necessary an independent officer be appointed for the purpose.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

The suggestion is noted for proper follow-up.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.17

- A. The Committee suggests that instead of getting the results compiled by two independent agencies, the possibility of in-house compilation by using two different independently generated data through punching and verification may be run on the same programme.
- B. The Committee has suggested that only one set of award lists may be got prepared instead of three as at present.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

The Examination Committee resolved that the existing system adopted by the CBSE provides for cent per cent accuracy in the compilation of results and, therefore, status-quo be maintained. Since the processing of results would be done at two different computing agencies, therefore, one set of award lists will not be sufficient. However, instead of getting the award lists prepared on 3 part pre-printed stationery, these be prepared on 2 part pre-printed stationery.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.18

It has been suggested that independent examination by two separate examiners is of great advantage. However, it has financial and administrative constraints.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

The Examination Committee resolved that in view of the enhanced financial liability and non-availability of examiners in adequate numbers it is not feasible to accept this recommendation of the CHAUHAN COMMITTEE.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE 8.19 TO 8.21

The Committee feels that use of multiple set of question papers and their utility have been accepted as equal difficulty level objective is fulfilled as mean of score obtained by the candidates in different sets has been within the acceptable limits for the past few years.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

No action is called for.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.22

The Committee has generally commended the system of evaluation. It says that there are several checks and balances provided at every step. Entire operation has to be handled by thousands of hands and minds. It again enumerates the weak areas.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

The comments of the Committee are a matter of satisfaction.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAUHAN COMMITTEE - 8.23 TO 8.25

The Committee feels that public relation system required revamping.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

The suggestion is noted.