

Criteria for Selecting Teachers for National Awards

*280. MISS CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what are the criteria for selecting teachers and Principals of schools of States and UTs for National Award; and

(b) what criteria are applied by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for selection of teachers and Principals for the National Award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The conditions of eligibility for the selection of teachers for the National Awards are given below:

- 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 awards, but those teachers who have served for 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 in-

stitutions 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.

The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan applies the same criteria for selection as detailed above.

Deplorable condition of Assam-Agartala Road

@2276. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the deplorable condition of Assam-Agartala Road (Highway) is due to unusual delay in construction of major bridges and replacement of semipermanent bridges;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government for its improvement; and

¹c) whether Government propose to consider the extension of Assam-Agartala road upto Subroom?

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