

## QUESTION XXIV.

AIYAR, ALLADI KRISHNASWAMI.

There must be an attempt at a uniform standard in the different universities. This can to a certain extent be achieved by passing legislative control on to the Union as also by inter-university co-operation.

In view of the meagreness of our resources, there must be greater inter-university co-operation, with different universities specialising in particular branches of study and knowledge.

ALLAHABAD UNIVERSITY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

1. (a) It can do a great deal, but so far, its achievements have fallen far short of expectation except in the sphere of inter-university games and sports.

(b) Yes. There should be a larger number of university representatives besides the Vice-Chancellors. These should be drawn from the University Teachers' Association which should be organized in all universities.

2. Organization and recognition of University Teachers' Associations and the all-India University Teachers' Federation which was organized in 1947 at Allahabad and of which the Hon'ble Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukerji is the President.

AKBAR, S. ALI.

1. (a) I think that the Inter-University Board is organised on the right lines and that it is doing splendid work.

(b) The recommendations of the Board should be given greater weight and importance by the Provincial Governments and States as well as by the different universities.

ASTHANA, DR. NARAYAN PRASAD.

It has not done any useful work so far. It may probably be due to the absence of any power to enforce its decisions. Its constitution, functions and powers should be revised and carefully defined. It should be a statutory body.

BHATTACHARYA, DR. D. R.

1. (a) It is working satisfactorily.

(b) There should be two representatives from each university including the Vice-Chancellor on the Inter-University Board.

2. Inter-change of Professors and advanced students and exchange of apparatus and books are recommended.

## CALCUTTA, UNIVERSITY OF.

1. (a) The Inter-University Board has been working to the best of its ability. It should be converted into a Statutory Board with definite functions attached to it. It should not be in the position of Oliver Twist and should have statutory grants made to it in order to enable it to function properly.

## DASANNACHARYA, DR. B.

1. (a) What happens at the inter-universities' conferences is only known to the Vice-Chancellors who attend them. They do not enlighten others in any systematic way.

(b) It should be compulsory that the Vice-Chancellor discusses the agenda, etc., with the Senate of his University.

## DUBE, PT. K. L.

1. (a) It has served a useful purpose in bringing the Heads of Indian Universities together and enabling them to understand some of the common problems of universities in India. The direct contribution of the Inter-University Board has so far been a limited one.

(b) Improvements in the following direction are desirable.

(i) The Board should have not only a whole-time Secretary but also a whole-time adequate staff including Assistant Secretaries to help Indian universities in obtaining condensed information on specific forms, including the latest trends in foreign universities.

(ii) There should be some meetings of the Inter-University Board in which the Chairman is totally exempted from the obligation of either taking over his office or handing it over.

The Chairman may be elected every three years.

(iii) If necessary, a Vice-Chairman may be elected for every year so that all universities have an opportunity of coming into direct contact with the administrative work of the Board.

(iv) Along with the annual meeting of the Inter-University Board, there should be meetings of Administrative Officers of the universities by rotation. This will enable such officers as Treasurers and Deans of Faculties to discuss their specific problems with their colleagues in other universities.

## GHOSH, J.

1. (a) They should be more active.

2. Common meetings, mutual invitation to deliver lectures, temporary lending of teachers, temporary courses for students of different universities, admission of research students, sports competitions, etc., are some of the means of developing inter-university relations.

GUPTA, DR. R. M.

1. (a) To supervise all-India institutions; to maintain a liaison between all universities; to distribute funds for all-India educational purposes; to maintain liaison between universities and the Central Govt.

JUNG, NAWAB ALI YAWAR.

1. (a) & (b). The Inter-University Board discharges a very useful and necessary function as a co-ordinating and advising body. It should be strengthened and made more effective. Discussions in the Board will be made more fruitful of results if the representatives of the universities were to sound their own competent bodies beforehand on the subjects under discussion so as to be able to give decisive opinions rather than follow the reverse procedure which, in some cases, results in the considered opinions of the Inter-University Board being rejected by individual universities.

2. By recognition being given both by the universities and the Governments to the Inter-University Board as the sole authority for advice on universities and by periodical all-India conferences of representatives of different Faculties to consider special academic questions. The recommendations of such conferences should be made available to the Inter-University Board and they should, in fact, be held under the auspices of the Board.

KRISHNAMURTI, K.

1. (a) The Inter-University Board should try to bring about co-ordination in the teaching and work in various universities and a uniformity in the academic standards throughout the country. The effectiveness of the Board can be greatly increased if the resolutions passed in the meetings of the Board by a large majority of members are accepted by all the Indian universities without any deviation. Otherwise it will continue to be an advisory body.

MADRAS, UNIVERSITY OF.

1 & 2. The Inter-University Board is a very useful body and should be made more effective by a proper appreciation of its position and working. It has had several handicaps, but of late there has been a change in regard to the working of the Inter-University Board and despite criticisms it is performing a very useful function. The main object of the Inter-University Board is to bring the different universities together, to exercise a certain amount of moral influence over the different universities, and wherever possible to advise universities in regard to any of the objects for which the universities are functioning. In all countries the tendency is to favour the formation of such a body and the recent conference of the Universities of the Commonwealth

has made it clear that different countries have such bodies and desire to contact only similar bodies in other countries. The Inter-University Board should always be considered as the authority to advise Government or universities on academic matters or matters pertaining to the general administration of universities. The Board will be naturally the channel for development of Inter-University relations. The main disability in the working of the Inter-University Board has been lack of finance, and the Central Government should not hesitate to help such a body with adequate resources.

**MAHANTY, R. N.**

Inter-University Board should aim at the rooting out of provincialism and should encourage exchange of professors and students among universities.

**MALAVIYA, PT. GOVIND.**

1. (a) The functions of the Inter-University Board should be expanded. The Board should co-ordinate all university problems. At present there is no sanction behind its decisions and member universities do not pay sufficient attention to the decisions of the Board. The authority of the Board in academic matters should be unquestionable.

**MATHUR, S. N.**

1. (a) In the presence of a Central University Grants Committee the Inter-University Board will be superfluous.

(b) Grants Committee will discharge all the functions now entrusted to the Inter-University Board with regard to the policies, plans and teaching in each of them.

**MATHAI, S.**

1. The Inter-University Board should have wider powers than it has at present. Its decisions should be binding on the member universities. To secure this the secretariat of the Inter-University Board must be established on a firm footing and the Secretary, who should be an ex-officio member of the Board, should be in a position to visit the various universities periodically, so that by personal contact the universities may be encouraged to carry out the instructions and recommendations of the Board. The Secretary's personal relations with the Vice-Chancellors and Registrars are of great importance.

The office of the Inter-University Board should be permanently established in a central place and should become a kind of University House, where it would be possible for meetings to be held and occasionally for visiting members of the Board to stay. This will give greater to Inter-University relations than has been possible while the University Board had no fixed habitation.

NAYAR, DR. A. S. MANNADI.

1. (i) To co-ordinate University education.
- (ii) To arrange for interchange of teachers.
- (iii) To co-ordinate "activities" of University students in sports, debating societies and social life.

PANNIKAR, P. R. PARAMESWARA.

The Inter-University Board of India, which consists of the Vice-Chancellors of all the universities, should be re-organized on a statutory basis.

PADHE, HARISCHANDRA.

1. (a) Inter-University Board is doing healthy work.
- (b) Students should be given opportunities to visit at least three universities in their 3rd or 4th year classes at Government cost.

PANDE, SHIVADHAR.

1. (a) Excellent, considering its handicaps.
  - (b) Give it power, or turn over its functions to the Central Government.
2. University courses and examinations should be standardized. At present every university is water-tight. No student can migrate in the M.A. Inter-University "Shastrarth" might buck up everybody's spirits, if no one dares to go round on a "Digvijaya" in the grand old style.

PANDHARIPANDE, S. L.

1. (a) Co-ordination and contact.
2. Increasing contacts through exchange of teachers, conferences, invitations for visits, etc.

PATNA, UNIVERSITY OF.

1. (a) The present functions of the Inter-University Board are recommendatory in character and not mandatory. In its working it has not achieved the desired results. Recently, however, it is playing a more important role on account of : (i) a greater recognition of its functions, and importance,

(ii) its linking with the Empire University Bureau and the International University Bureau, i.e. UNESCO, and

(iii) its representation on the Empire University Conference.

(b) The formation of the Standing Committee with the tenure of the office of the President for three years in place of one year of the President of the Inter-University Board.

2. (i) Exchange of University teachers,

(ii) Exchange of advanced students, and research workers,

(iii) Complete agreement about disciplinary action against students in different universities,

(iv) Removal of vexatious restrictions in admission between different universities,

(v) Admission of students in institutions financed by the Central funds on some agreed all-India basis.

**RAMASWAMY, P.**

The fundamental function of the Inter-University Board is to bring about a correlation of studies between different universities to avoid wasteful reduplication and to facilitate the exchange of professors in different universities.

**RAO, K. S. RAMAKRISHNA.**

1. (a) & (b). The main function of the Inter-University Board should be to correlate the curricula and standards of the examination and marking of the various universities in India with a view to bringing about a rough approximation and uniformity in these respects.

**RAO, DR. M. A. GOVINDA.**

The Inter-University Board may help the close association between Principals and professors of various universities, for purposes of discussion on courses of study and research, etc.

**ROY, BEPIN VEHARI.**

I welcome the activities of the Inter-University Board. The Board is to function, in the beginning in an advisory capacity. But if its advice in respect of maintaining the necessary uniformity and standards of university examination is ignored it will have powers to enforce its demands.

**SAHAI, DR. HARGOVIND.**

The Inter-University Board should do more co-ordinating and its advice should receive more attention by the universities.

SIRCAR, J. N.

*Oral Evidence.*

I have no faith in the Inter-University Board. The Inter-University Board as it has been working, has not shown much utility as yet. It has no creative element within itself. That is why we have to import foreign experts. This Inter-University Board cannot undertake it because it presents vested interests where they are anxious to safeguard what they are doing. No kind of self-examination is possible in the Inter-University Board. Therefore an all-India body which will inspect Universities and help them to raise standards themselves is necessary.

SHARMA, TULSINARAYAN.

The Inter-University Board shall be, in our opinion, a statutory body with executive powers. Its functions will be co-ordination, development of co-operation among universities in India and the maintenance of an all-India standard in University education.

SINGHANIA, PADAMPAT.

1. (a) It has been doing work of an appreciable nature.

(b) It has particularly advisory duties and does not possess powers which would enable it to co-ordinate the Universities' developments in the way or to the extent to which our national system will require. Such powers should be given.

SINGARAVELU, M.

My opinion of the working of the Inter-University Board is that it has so far considered and passed various resolutions which are of far-reaching character but for want of sanction has so far not been able to see them implemented by the universities to the same extent as it was hoped.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGES, WALTAIR, PRINCIPAL AND DEPARTMENTAL HEADS.

1. (a). Founded in 1925, the Inter-University Board has done some useful work during the past 23 years. But, as the Sargent Report points out, "it is a purely advisory body and does not possess the authority which would enable it to co-ordinate University development in the ways or to the extent which a national system will require". It is a complete statement of the Board's budget of limitations.

(b) The Board should grow into something between what it now is and a too centralized omnipotent planning organization. A body combining the functions of the present Board and of the University Grants Utilization Committee would be a very desirable thing. Such

a body, with a permanent chairman, and consisting of experts with a wide background of University experience as teachers or administrators, would be able to get funds from Government and distribute them equitably and intelligently. It should not be directly under the tutelage of the Education Department,—that way lies rigidity, red tape, and what not. And such co-ordination and central direction that the body is able to achieve will be through “influence”, rather than through automatic control.

WADIA, A. K.

The greatest weakness of the Inter-University Board is that the recommendations of the Board are not pressed by the representatives in their own universities.

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