

Raja Ramanna heads Education Task Force

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BANGALORE: The noted nuclear physicist Raja Ramanna was appointed the chairman of the Education Task Force by the Karnataka government on Wednesday.

The 10-member task force would advise the government on education, with the focus on elementary education. Noted litterateur Girish Karnad, who had earlier been appointed declined the offer due to his preoccupation with other jobs.

The members of the committee are: R. Govinda (senior fellow NIEPA-Delhi), Radhika Harzbargar (Director Krishnamurthy foundation, Rishi Valley Rural Trust, Madanappali), T.K. Jayalakshmi (Director R.V. Consortium, Bangalore), A.S. Seetharamu (Institute



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for Social and Economic change), Sudarshan (B.R. Hills), K.P. Surendranath (Chairman NETE Southern Centre Bangalore), Saundatti (former vice-chancellor Mangalore University), Jayakumar Angod (former IAS officer) and the member-secretary will be secretary, primary and secondary education).

Task force on housing: The Karnataka government also has constituted an eight-member task force on housing under the chairmanship of executive director, Centre for Symbiosis of Technology, Environment and Management, B. Bhaskar Rao.

According to an official release, the other members of the task force are R.V.S. Rao, K.R. Alva, R. Sundaram, K.R. Jaisim, Anita Reddy and B.S. Bhushan. The principal secretary (housing department) would be the convener, while the housing commissioner, Karnataka Housing Board and secretary, Karnataka Slum Clearance Board would be permanent invitees.