

Ramanna will head education task force

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore, Jan. 19: Chief minister S.M. Krishna has announced the task force on education to advise the state government on improvement of education with focus on elementary education under the chairmanship of Dr Raja Ramanna, a well-known scientist.

The task force was delayed as writer, director Girish Karnad declined to head it when Mr Krishna offered him post to head the force during November.

Among the others in the 10-

member task force are: Prof. R. Govinda, senior fellow, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, Dr Radhika Horzberger of Krishnamurthy Foundation, Rishi Valley Rural Trust, Madanapalle, Prof. T.K. Jayalakshmi, director, R.V. Consortium, Prof. A.S. Seetharamu, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, Dr Sudharshan, K.P. Surendranath, chairman, Nete, Southern Centre, Bangalore, Prof. Saundatti, former vice-chancellor.

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Mangalore University, Jayakumar Anagol, retired IAS officer, according to release from the chief minister's secretariat

Secretary to the government for primary and secondary education will be the member-secretary of the task force, the release added.

When contacted by The Asian Age, Dr Raja Ramanna expressed happiness about the post. "I was informed on Tuesday. I will get in touch with my colleagues and spell out our priorities," he said. A decision will be taken for the first meeting of the task force after consulting the other members, Dr Ramanna said. The education task force has been delayed by about three months as the chief minister was in the process for appointing an intellectual to head the force.