



Government of Bengal

**Report of the Committee
appointed by Government to
consider the Problems of Primary
and Adult Education**

Part I

Primary Education

Superintendent, Government Printing
Bengal Government Press, Alipore, Bengal
1939

**Published by the Superintendent, Government Printing
Bengal Government Press, Alipore, Bengal**

Agents of India:

**Messrs. S. K. Lahiri & Co., Ltd., Printers and Booksellers, College Street,
Calcutta.**

Messrs. Thacker, Spink & Co., Calcutta.

**Customers in the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe
may obtain publications either direct from the High Commissioner's office
or through any bookseller.**

PRIMARY AND ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Government in their orders No. 4267-Edn., dated the 27th July 1938, and No. 4290-Edn., dated the 30th July 1938, constituted the following Committee to advise Government concerning the problems of Adult and Primary Education:—

CHAIRMAN.

1. Dr. W. A. Jenkins, D.Sc., I.E.S.

JOINT SECRETARIES.

2. Mr. T. I. M. Nurunnabi Choudhuri, I.C.S.
3. Mr. Abul Hakim, M.A. (CANTAB.).

MEMBERS.

4. Begum Hamida Momin, M.L.C.
5. Mrs. Hasina Murshed, M.B.E., M.L.A.
6. Mr. Nur Ahmed, M.A., B.L., M.L.C.
7. Maulvi Md. Mazammel Huq, M.L.A.
8. Khan Bahadur Maulvi Alfazuddin Ahmed, M.A., M.L.A.
9. Mr. Mohammad Barat Ali, M.L.A.
10. Mr. Fazlur Rahman, M.A., B.L., M.L.A.
11. Mr. Syed Mustagawsal Haque, B.L., M.L.A.
12. Maulvi Md. Hasannuzzaman, M.L.A.
13. Maulvi Md. Abdul Hakim Vikrampur, M.L.A.
14. Mr. Pulin Behari Mallick, M.A., B.L. M.L.A.
15. Mr. Dhananjoy Roy, M.A., B.L., M.L.A.
16. Rai Kshirod Chandra Roy Bahadur, M.L.A.
17. Mr. W. C. Wordsworth, M.A., M.L.A.

Subsequently the following members were added:—

18. Mr. H. S. M. Ishaque, I.C.S.
19. Mr. A. B. Chatterjee, I.C.S.
20. Mr. Srimanta Das Gupta, B.A.
21. Mr. B. C. Mukherjee, M.A.
22. Khan Bahadur Maulvi Hashem Ali Khan, B.L., M.L.A.
23. Mr. Yusoo Ali Chowdhury, M.L.A.
24. Maulvi Mirza Abdul Hafiz, B.L., M.L.A.
25. Maulvi Abdul Majid, M.A., B.L., M.L.A.

INTRODUCTION.

A preliminary meeting was held on August 22nd when the scope of the report and the method of procedure were discussed.

It was agreed at this preliminary meeting, that although there were many points of contact between Adult and Primary Education, it would be wiser for the Committee to deal with these two questions separately.

It was further agreed that the duties of the Joint Secretaries should be separated and that while Mr. Nurannabi Chaudhuri, i.c.s., should be responsible for the Adult Education part of the Committee's work, Mr. Abdul Hakim should undertake the duties connected with the Primary Education Report. It was further decided that questionnaires should be drawn up by the Secretaries in consultation with the Chairman and circulated to people whose opinions were likely to be of value. It was agreed that the questionnaires should not be detailed and exhaustive, but should be confined to the more important issues not dependent upon technical or departmental knowledge.

The questionnaire for Primary Education was drawn up according to the decision of the Committee and circulated to various authorities. Replies were received from 46 out of the 83 authorities to whom the questionnaire was sent. The questionnaire, with a summary of the replies, is printed in Appendix E. The work on Adult Education has not yet been completed, but it is hoped that the Committee will be in a position to submit its report on Adult Education as soon as possible. As it is not desired to postpone the submission to Government of the Report on Primary Education pending decisions about Adult Education, the recommendations concerning Primary Education are embodied in this separate report and submitted to Government for their consideration.