

KOTHARI COMMISSION

(Part I)

Introduction:

The Government of India in the month of July, 1964 appointed a commission for the development of Indian education. The Education Commission 1964-66 is popularly known as the Kothari Commission. Professor D.S.Kothari the then chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) was given the responsibility of the chairmanship of the commission. For that reason this commission is also known as Kothari Commission. Shri J.P.Naik was the Member Secretary and some foreign experts from England, America, Russia and Japan were made the members of the commission. The main responsibility of the commission was to prepare a systematic and scientific plan for educational upliftment of the country. The commission was specifically constituted and appointed to know about the urgent steps for the reorganization and reorientation of all the stages of education. To formulate a national policy to meet the national objectives the commission was entrusted to study all the sectors of education which included Primary, Secondary, University, Technical and other sectors of

education. After the commission submitted its report, Education Minister Sh.M.C. Chagla released it on 29th June, 1966, the title of which was 'Education and National Development.'