# Hunter commission (1882) 1<sup>st</sup> semester/paper code-104

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### INTRODUCTION

- Indian Education Commission, a landmark in modern Indian education was appointed by Lord Rippon in February 3, 1882 under the chairmanship of William Wilson Hunter.
- It is also known as Hunter Commission on the name of its chairman.
- It had twenty members including Indian educationists.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION

- To look into recommendation and implementation of Woods' Dispatch.
- To inquire contemporary status of elementary education in British India.
- To give suggestions to improve the status of education in India.
- To evaluate and assess the educational works of missionaries in the country.
- To assess the grant-aid system utility.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

- Commission suggested that curriculum should be based on the local needs.
- Practical aspect of curriculum also should be focused.
- At the primary stage, mother tongue should be the medium of instruction.
- In every district a model government school should be established.
- Commission laid special emphasis on diversified courses. Two type of courses were proposed, i) to prepare students for higher education ii) to prepare students for some vocation.

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- For the training of primary school teachers, schools should be established.
- The commission emphasized the importance and necessity of teachers training for raising the standard of education.
- Private or local co-operation was encouraged and government should help in theses type of cooperation.
- Government institutions should prohibited to do any kind of religious activities, but private institutions should be free from such restrictions.

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- Commission laid emphasis on the differentiation of curriculum for men and women.
- The commission laid emphasis on the education of Muslims. Commission recommended that special fund should be provided for their education.
- Special schools should be opened for the Harijans and other disadvantaged and backward classes.

# SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COMMISSION

- The Hunter Commission established a landmark in Indian Education, especially in the area of primary education.
- It was the first commission in India, gave a comprehensive recommendations and suggestions on education in India.
- The recommendations of the commission was implemented and gave a new direction to the Indian education and laid a strong foundation of modern education in India.