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## School syllabus revision next year

By Our Staff Reporter

**WARANGAL, DEC. 16.** The State Government will revise the school syllabus from next year for which purpose subject-wise syllabus review committees will be formed, the Primary Education Minister, Mr. Kadiam Srihari, said on Saturday.

Regular teacher training programmes from primary to high schools for the staff to update their skills were also on the anvil. The step is to create awareness among teachers about social problems, as after all the teachers also had a social obligation, the Minister said, inaugurating a two-day conference of teachers of Telangana region owing allegiance to the Andhra Pradesh Teachers Federation (APTF).

The Minister also said that the Government teachers' transfer which was taken up a month ago through counselling, had remained incomplete as the relieving of teachers at the present places of posting was linked to the availability of substitutes. Only 60 per cent of the teachers were relieved and the remaining were waiting for substitutes. Therefore, further relieving of teachers had been suspended upto April 24 so that completion of syllabus in schools was not affected and teachers would be transferred to the new places of posting after that date without the substitute component, the Minister said.

Mr. Srihari emphasised that 30 instructional days were lost in the counselling for teachers' transfer. It was desired that no further time was lost in the matter. At the same time, the Government did not favour cancellation of the transfer orders. They will be in force even after the academic year. The budget releases of the Education Department were computerised and it was the intention of the Government to disburse the staff salaries on the last day of the month, Mr. Srihari said.

The Minister, who had a dig at teachers and their unions on a few occasions for not

meeting the aspirations of the Government, said the unions were not responding to social problems. They addressed only the problems of their community. He also criticised individual teachers for not discharging their duties with commitment. Pupils were observing the situation and the day was not far when they would get a dressing down in villages.

On the poor results at Government schools, Mr. Srihari said it had much to do with the teachers' commitment. Teachers at private institutions who were less qualified and experienced worked harder and secured good results for their institutions while

Government schools, where the infrastructure and trained manpower was qualitatively better, returned poor results due to the indifferent attitude of teachers. The teachers did not even try to check the drop-out rate.

The Minister maintained that a massive movement aimed at education for all by 2005 was on, and called upon teachers to make the mission a success.

Prof. G. Haragopal of the University of Hyderabad, speaking on education and democracy, said never in history was there democracy in education nor education in a democratic set-up.

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