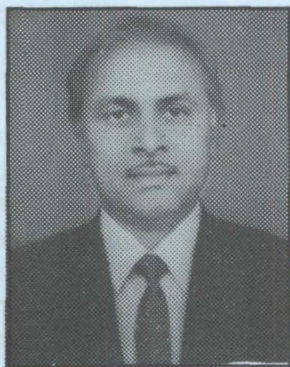


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- Dr. SUBHAS D. AWALE



Born on 8th October, 1949, Dr. S. D. Awale obtained his B.E. (Civil) degree in 1972 and M.E. (Structures) degree from the Walchand College of Engineering, Sangli, Maharashtra in 1975. After having taught at the Walchand College of Engineering, between 1975 to 1977, he was selected by the Ministry of Education and culture through the Union Public Service Commission and he joined as Education Officer (Tech.) in March 1977. From this position, he steadily rose to the position of Joint Educational Adviser (Tech. in 1992 and has been holding that position since then. He is heading the Bureau of Technical Education in the Ministry and is primarily responsible for policy planning and development of Technical and Management Education in India which

includes among others, the prestigious institutions like IITs, IIMs, IISc., Bangalore, AICTE and other important central institutions.

With his keen interest in teaching and research and deep concern for the engineering teaching profession, he decided to study the problems relating to engineering teachers in a systematic way and as a result, he obtained his well deserved Ph.D. in 1996 from the IIT Delhi on the topic "Some Critical issues relating to engineering teachers in the development of Technical Education System in India." This is the first comprehensive research work on engineering teachers at a doctoral level done by anybody in India so far. Despite his numerous responsibilities attached with his official position, he finished his doctorate as a part time scholar.

Dr. Awale has been closely associated with the entire spectrum of technical and management institutions, schemes, programmes and is involved in their development and promotion at various stages. He has made significant contributions in establishing the IIM at Lucknow, operationalising the AICTE, establishment of IIT at Guwahati, the Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management at Gwalior and

the two new IIMs coming up at Indore and Gwalior. He has been the National Project Director of the important projects like World Bank assisted Project Director of the two other projects, viz. O.D.A. - funded RECs-U.K. Project and CIDA funded Canada-India Institutional Co-operation Project (CIICP). He is a Life Member of the Indian Society for Technical Education and has greatly contributed to the overall development of the ISTE. He has visited several countries in the context of collaborative ef-

forts for development of Technical Education and has led a number of Indian delegations abroad.

Interestingly, he is the well-known personality in the fields of theatre, music and poetry. Apart from the people in the cultural field, most of the people in the Technical Education system in India have also witnessed some of his artistic skills through his oratory and melodious voice.

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