

## CENTRAL BOARD OF GEOPHYSICS.

On the basis of the recommendation of the Planning Committee for Geophysics, the Government of India have set up a "Central Board of Geophysics" for co-ordinating and developing geophysical studies in India. The composition of the Board is as follows :

- (1) Surveyor General of India or his representative.

- (2) Geophysicist in charge of the Geophysical Section of the Geological Survey of India.
- (3) Chairman, Central Waterpower, Irrigation and Navigation Commission.
- (4) Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar, D.Sc., F.R.S., Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.
- (5) Secretary, Central Board of Irrigation.
- (6) Director General of Observatories.
- (7) Prof. M. N. Saha, D.Sc., F.R.S., Palit Professor of Physics, Calcutta University.
- (8) Dr. K. S. Krishnan, D.Sc., F.R.S., Director, National Physical Laboratory.
- (9) Dr. D. N. Wadia, M.A., D.Sc., F.G.S.
- (10) Mr. G. K. Chandiramani, Deputy Educational Adviser.

The first meeting of the Central Board of Geophysics was held at New Delhi on 5-4-1949. Mr. A. N. Khosla, Chairman, Central Waterpower, Irrigation and Navigation Commission was elected as the Chairman and Dr. F. Ermisch of the Geological Survey of India as the Secretary of the Board. The following resolutions were adopted in the Meeting :—

1. The Board should approach the Government of India to accord necessary sanction for the re-establishment of the Magnetic and Seismographic Observatories at Dehra Dun at a very early date.
2. The Government should be approached to agree, in principle, for the appointment of a Liaison Officer who would get into contact with Universities and other Institutions of University rank. The appointment will be made as soon as sufficient progress has been made in the work of the Board.
3. A Committee consisting of the following should be constituted to draft for a planned programme of geophysical studies in the Universities and the Scientific Departments :—
  - Dr. S. K. Banerji (Convenor)
  - Dr. K. S. Krishnan
  - Dr. K. R. Ramanathan
  - Mr. B. L. Gulatee
  - Mr. G. K. Chandiramani.
4. The Board should ask for 5 overseas scholarships for specialised training in Geophysics during the year 1949-50, to meet the requirements of the different scientific departments.
5. The Board accepts the resolution No. 17) of the Oslo Session (1948) of the I. U. G. G. and recommend that early steps should be taken to procure from U.S.A. and to instal additional tide-gauges at the following ports :—
  - Porbunder or Veraval, Ratnagiri, Naulaki,
  - Navnagar or Morvi, Marwa, Khandla, Tuticorin,
  - Negapatam, Vizagapatam, Minicoy Island and Port Blair.
6. The Board decided to constitute a Committee consisting of the undermentioned persons to prepare plans of work regarding physical oceanography covering as much areas as possible of the Indian seas, and giving particular attention to those regions where oceanographic information is meagre. This Committee should also consider at the same time plans for

work relating to biological oceanography. The Committee was constituted as follows :—

Dr. D. N. Wadia (Convener)

Dr. S. K. Banerji

Dr. F. Ermisch

Dr. H. L. Hora

Mr. B. L. Gulatee

A representative of the Royal Indian Navy; and the Director Marine Biological Laboratory, Madras.