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Panel on state jobs yet to submit its report

Nagpur: The state government's apathy towards implementing the important condition of providing jobs proportionate to each region's population has come to fore yet again, with the special cabinet subcommittee formed to present a status report yet to submit its report though a year has elapsed.

The general administration department (GAD) of the state government had on June 20, 2015, issued an order for setting up the committee headed by state finance minister Sudhir Mungantiwar to examine if people of Vidarbha, Marathwada and rest of Maharashtra were given state government and semi-government employment in proportion to each region's population.

In the Nagpur Pact signed in 1953, one of the major sops offered to Vidarbha when it merged with Maharashtra was that youth of this region would get jobs in state government and its offices in proportion to the region's population (around 23%). There is a perception of injustice being meted out since most state jobs have been cornered by influential western Maharashtra.

The Mungantiwar committee was expected to submit its report by September 2015, but has reportedly not done that till date. "I have written to officials concerned as well as the governor's office to find out what has happened to the report. But it seems the report has not yet been submitted," said MG Kimmatkar, expert member of Vidarbha Development Board.

"The non-implementation of the job clause is clearly a contravention of the directives issued afresh by the governor in March this year. In his directions, the governor under his special powers under section 371(2) C had expressed concern over non-availability of data on job status in government offices," said Kimmatkar.

The high court had in June 2008 ruled in a petition filed by Nitin Gadkari, Devendra Fadnavis and BT Deshmukh that following the governor's directives was mandatory.