

# **NEW JOB LIKELY FOR MR. NARAHARI RAO**

## **Executive Director Of World Bank**

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**MR. N. V. Narahari Rao**, the former Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, is likely to be appointed one of the Executive Directors on the Board of Directors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The present Indian Executive Director of the World Bank is Mr. G. R. Kamat, I.C.S., a former Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, who is due to relinquish this post in the next few months.

Mr. Narahari Rao served the Government of India with distinction in various capacities including that of Finance Secretary, before he was appointed Comptroller and Auditor-General.

But political circles are questioning the constitutional propriety of his re-employment, as it were, after he has retired as Comptroller and Auditor-General.

Though his emoluments will be paid by the World Bank, the fact nevertheless remains that Mr. Narahari Rao will be technically India's nominee on the Bank's executive directorate, and to that extent his appointment is interpreted as a violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of Article 148 of the Constitution, since

it would amount to an extension of the Government's patronage to, if not actual re-employment of, an ex-Comptroller and Auditor-General

Clause (4) of Article 148 lays down that the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India shall not be eligible for further office under the Government of India or under the Government of any State after he has ceased to hold his office.

Similar misgivings are expressed in political circles over reports of a likely overseas assignment to Mr. R. N. Banerji, who retired as Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission, whose eligibility for re-employment is also subject to Constitutional limitations.

The Government's view, however, appears to be that Mr. Narahari Rao's nomination for the executive directorship does not involve even a technical violation of the constitutional limitation, since he will not be paid by the Indian Exchequer.