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Service rules for non-govt teachers finalised: PM

By A Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman said on Saturday that service rules for teachers of non-government educational institutions had been finalised and would be announced soon.

Addressing the members of Bangladesh Teachers' (Secondary) Association (Kamruzzaman) and Bangladesh Non-government colleges Teachers' Association at Secretariat gate he said that uniform pay scales for non-government schools, colleges and madrasahs would also soon be finalised.

About 300 members of the two associations were on a sit-down strike at the second gate of Secretariat in support of their demands during the strike which lasted over an

hour. Topkhana Road was blocked. The teachers who had earlier assembled at Baitul Mukurram Square came to the Secretariat in a procession carrying placards and chanting slogans in support of their demands.

Meanwhile, a group of 25 representatives of the striking teachers met the Prime Minister in charges of the Ministry of Education and discussed with him the problems they had been facing. They also handed over a memorandum to the Prime Minister who assured early steps in fulfilling their demands and then came to the Secretariat gate to address the striking teachers.

Shah Azizur Rahman appealed to all teachers to desist from strikes at a time when examinations were being held all over the country.

He said that a committee headed by Kazi Anwarul Haq, Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism which included teachers' representatives had been processing recommendations for uniform and reasonable pay scales for non-government schools, colleges and madrasahs. The pay scales would be finalised soon, he said.

The Prime Minister said

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that the Government had been taking every possible steps to improve the living condition of the community of 1.6 lakh primary school teachers, 90,000 secondary school teachers, 12,000 college teachers and 25,000 madrasah teachers.

The Prime Minister said that the Government had already implementing the Kudrat-e-Khuda Commission report on syllabi. The interim education policy would also be announced soon he added.

The members of the two association then withdrew their sit-down strike and in a procession went to Central Shaheed Minar. There they took oath to wage movement if their demands were not fulfilled.

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