

Service rules for non-govt teachers finalised : PM

The Prime Minister, Shah Azizur Rahman, on Sunday assured the Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Association that the service rules for the non-government teachers had been finalised and would be made public soon, reports BSS.

Any reasonable amendments would be considered, if necessary, and incorporated, the Prime Minister told the leaders and office-bearers of the Federation comprising college, school and madrasa teachers when they called on him at his Secretariat office.

The teachers placed their grievances in the context of Government's commitments in the past.

The Government is also considering fixing a reasonable pay scale for the teachers which is pending for processing through relevant ministries. Compared to a grant of Taka 10 crore 35 lakh towards the salary of teachers, the amount of grant in the current year has been raised to Taka 29 crore as Govt. contribution towards salary of teachers of non-government institutions. This may further be raised reasonably consistent with government's resource position.

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Radio station at Agri Varsity soon: Habibullah

MYMENSINGH, Nov. 11: Information and Broadcasting Minister Mr Habibullah Khan said here today that a radio station would be set up at the Bangladesh Agricultural University soon, reports BSS.

Mr Khan said this while opening a special radio programme 'Shaltamaler' Gaan' based on folk culture at the Public Hall here in the evening.

The programme, first of its kind in the country and organised by Radio Bangladesh in co-operation with district administration was broadcast live.

Such programme would also be conducted from all other districts based on their cultural heritage.

Mr Amiruzzaman Khan and Mr K N Mustafa, Director General and Regional Director of Radio Bangladesh respectively, Mr M. Saiful Islam and Mr A. S. M. Ziauddin, ADC General, also spoke on the occasion.

The Information Minister said in view of its importance as an information medium, the Government had decided to use radio nation-building purpose.

The Government was determined to associate people in the remotest areas of the country with radio programmes which, he said, would help develop their latent talents and project rural traditions and heritage.

He emphasised the need for changing pattern of radio programmes to suit the changing times. In this regard, the Minister sought co-operation from the artists and the educated class of the people.

Mr Habibullah Khan said the present Radio Licencing Act would be amended to make it convenient to the people and simplify the system.

Govt urged to accept non-govt teachers' demands

From Our Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov. 11: Former Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed today called upon the Government to immediately accept the five-point demand of the teachers of non-government educational institutions of the country who go on to-ken strike on November 12 and 13 to Press the realisation of their demands.

Addressing a press conference Sunday at his Khulna residence Kazi Zafar Ahmed who is also the chief of the United People's Party said the government accepted all the five point demands of the teachers on principle during his ministership and was committed to their implementation. In this connection he claimed that during his ministership pay scales and service rules of the teachers were prepared after satisfactory consultation with the leaders of the teachers community and was awaiting implementation when he resigned from his ministership.

The former Minister observed that implementation by the government of its own commitments to teachers was obligatory upon it and expressed the hope the commitments would be fully honoured.

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