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Teachers' benefits

In his address to the Fourth National Teachers Grand conference on 5 April, '89, President Ershad expressed his highest regards for the teachers and went on to say that no nation could prosper without giving due respect to its teachers. The President also announced 10% dearness allowance and other benefits to the non-Govt school, college and madrasa teachers, effective 1st July, 1989. This is indeed a noble

gesture on the part of the President.

Earlier, on 3 April, '89, the President announced similar allowance and benefits for the Class III and Class IV Govt employees.

We hope the new pay commission will keep in view the dignity of the teachers as manifested by the President.

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Teaching of English

Considering the importance of English, our Government has introduced English from class one. It is undoubtedly praiseworthy. Spontaneous support is coming from different quarters in favour of English. But the question arises how the student will learn English which is a foreign language. So proper guidance is required to learn English. In our villages primary and high schools have no properly trained English language teacher. Proper grammatical and spelling knowledge is required to teach English. But sometimes the teachers import knowledge of English according to their sweet will without applying grammatical and spelling rules. This creates serious problems during English conversation and writing.

However, it is very difficult to appoint English knowing teachers in every school. So, in my opinion, if the government introduces a programme "English Speaking Course" on radio, students who are living in the village will be able to learn English accurately. Every day this programme should be transmitted either in the morning or at night, whichever is convenient to the student. In fine, I appeal to our Government and others concerned to consider my suggestion for the betterment of our students.

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