

Service rules for non-govt college teachers soon

The Government has given necessary instructions towards formulation of a service rules for the non-government college teachers, the Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed said in Dacca on Friday, reports BSS.

The service rules, to be announced soon, will ensure security of the services of private college teachers, the Minister said.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed was speaking as the chief guest at a reception held in his honour by the Bangladesh College Teachers' Association at the Dacca University Library auditorium on Friday evening.

The Education Minister said that the non-government college teachers played very important role in the country's education system and no problem in the education sector

could be solved without solving their problems.

He said teachers were the 'life blood' of the country's education system and any major change in the system, priority must be given to the solution of their problems.

The reception was presided over by Prof. A. F. M. Khalilur Rahman, President of the College Teachers' Association, and addressed by Dr. Khalilur Rahman, Director of Public Instruction and Mr M. Shariful Islam, General Secretary of the College Teachers' Association.

Kazi Zafar reiterated that an interim education policy would be announced within the next three months which, he hoped, would reflect the national aspirations in the field of education.

He urged upon the teachers to express their opinions and problems in the National Education Advisory Council to help it formulate the education policy.

The Minister said the new education policy would be a people-oriented and productive one aimed at bringing education within the reach of the common people.

Kazi Zafar said the future education policy should be formulated keeping in view that education becomes productive and meaningful for the people and the nation.

About the problems of the college teachers, the Minister said the Government would soon sit with their representatives to discuss those for their speedy solution. In this regard he said no problems should be evaded but faced avoiding procrastination.

Earlier, the General Secretary of the College Teachers' Association, welcoming the minister discussed the problems of the private college teachers and demanded their early solution.

WORKSHOP OPENS SEPTEMBER 14

ENA adds: Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed announced on Friday that President Ziaur Rahman would inaugurate the national workshop on education on September 14.

He was speaking at the fourth business session of the Nation-

al Education Advisory Council (NEAC) at the committee room of the parliament house.

Kazi Zafar said that President Zia would stay at the workshop for the whole day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The workshop will be participated by the educationists, teachers, persons interested in education and students' representatives.

WORKING PAPER

Meanwhile, National Education Advisory Council in its weekly regular session held on Friday at the committee room of the national parliament house discussed the working paper prepared by the sub-committee of the council.

The council session, presided over by its Chairman, Education Minister, Kazi Zafar Ahmed was attended by all the members including high officials of the Ministry.

Among the members Hajee Moharramad Danesh, Prof. Abul Kalam Azad, Mr Faiz Ahmed, Dr. Mizanur Rahman Shelley, Mr Anwar Hussain Marju, Dr. Enamul Huq, Prof. Chowdhury, Mr Qanrul Hassan, Dr. A. K. M. Obaidulla and Maulana Abdul Mannan wanted clarification on various aspects of the working paper which sought to set out the guidelines for the formulation of the proposed in-

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interim national education policy.

The members pointed out certain socio-economic-cultural phenomena existing in the body-politic of our society which, they thought, should be considered while formulating the interim national education policy.

The Chairman of the council observed that the working paper was nothing but a tentative paper prepared on the basis of the terms of reference laid before the sub-committee by the council. It can be discussed, debated, reviewed and then considered, Kazi Zafar said.