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## 137 DU teachers out on study leave

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A total of 137 teachers of different discipline of the university are now abroad on study leave for higher education.

Of these number 28 are over-staying. It is not certain whether they would return at all.

The long delay and uncertainty about their return to the country are seriously hampering academic activities of Dhaka University.

According to existing rules, a teacher of Dhaka University may get 4-year leave with pay for doing Ph.D abroad. If any one fails to complete the course within the stipulated period, he may get his leave extended, but without pay. A teacher must return home after getting his degree.

Those who follow the rules of the university get

further 2-year leave for post doctorate studies or fellowship.

In addition, a teacher gets 4-year service leave and 3-year deputation leave. Besides, one can get urgent leave to attend any seminar or symposium abroad.

Taking advantage of the liberal rule for overseas study, a large number of teachers are depriving the university, the students and the country from their services.

According to official sources Dhaka University authority has recently terminated four teachers for their undue delay abroad.

Three years ago another teacher was sacked on similar ground. But he came back to the country and went back again after successfully obtaining permission to rejoin.