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Pay scale for non-govt teachers urged

Bangladesh Shikkhak Samity Federation on Sunday demanded a concrete announcement from the Government regarding pay scale and service rule for non-government teachers by October 31, reports BSS.

The Federation warned that if the Government failed to take any positive step by October 31, token strike would be observed on November 12 and 13 throughout the country in all schools, madrasahs and colleges.

Addressing a Press conference at the National Press Club, Moulana M. A. Mannan, M.P. and, Convener of the Federation, said the teachers had decided to launch consti-tutional movement to realise their de-

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mands. He said their demands were nothing new, rather they were agreed long ago. He regretted that the Government was taking too much time to meet their demands and also created a situation where they had no alternative but to resort to strike.

Prof. M. Shariful Islam and Mr. Abdul Khaleque, both joint Conveners of the Federation, also spoke at the conference.

The Federation, which comprises College Teachers' Association, Madrasah Teachers' Association and Secondary School Teachers' Association, alleged that in spite of reducing the gap in education sector, illogical disparity in education continued to rise. It further alleged that when 89 per cent of the students were receiving education in non-governmental educational institutions, the authorities were showing "unpardonable negligence" for their development and was spending the lion's share in the Government institutions where only 11 per cent students were enrolled. The Federation demanded an end to all types of discriminations in the education and adoption of a policy for the overall development of the education system.

Expressing its concern at the price hike of essential commodities, plight of the jute growers, the Federation appealed to the Government not to compel them to go for strike to realise their demands