

Letters to President, Ministers

Call to solve deadlock in Dhaka Varsity

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Dhaka University authorities wrote letters to the President who is also the Chancellor of the University, Ministry of Law, Ministry of Education and other important Government agencies to resolve administrative deadlock persisting in the university following the unhappy incident during the holding of Senate meeting. An injunction was issued on the holding of Senate meeting in the wake of an unhappy incident on the campus in which Mrs. Hasna Maudud, MP was humiliated by the students on June 20 when she came to attend the Senate meeting. The Varsity authorities also wrote letters to the prominent lawyers and jurists including Justice Devesh Chandra Bhatyacharya, Justice K.M. Sobhan to come forward for helping the university. This was learnt from an administrative source on Wednesday.

In the letters the university authorities appealed to avert the stalemate created in the administrative activities after issuing injunction on the Senate meeting. It was the budget session of the Senate. But following the unhappy incident and injunction the Senate meeting could not proceed any more and the annual budget was not placed.

Prof. Abdul Mannan, Vice-Chancellor of the University while talking to this correspondent said that the university authority have replied the show cause notices issued on the senior officials, the university authorities also filed cases in the higher court to appeal for a stay order on the interim injunction on the Senate meeting and lodged a case with the High Court to vacate the case against the university.

Financial irregularities

Meanwhile, an allegation of gross financial irregularities have been detected in the Dhaka University by the Government. An audit team sponsored by the Government is investigating the irregularities.

It is alleged that the university has given financial benefit to the employees and teachers without prior permission from the University Grants Commission (UGC). The Vice-Chancellor, when contacted, said that pay scales of lecturers and class three and class four employees have been changed. Government said that the decision was taken without prior approval. On the contrary the Vice-Chancellor said the decision was not taken during his period. The present Vice-Chancellor took over charge in 1986. The Vice-Chancellor in awarding financial benefits to some

teachers made the benefits admissible with effect from July 1, 1977.

Besides, payscale dispute and other financial irregularities have also been alleged against the present Vice-Chancellor and the university.

The Vice-Chancellor admitted to this correspondent that an amount of Tk. 9,02,000 has been detected as faulty case.

The Government has suspended the annual grant of the university which comes through the University Grants Commission. The V-C said, "It is very unkind to suspend allocation of Taka 10 crore for a faulty case of Taka nine lakh only".

The varsity authorities are trying their best to resolve the dispute.