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Tk 73.71 cr DU budget proposed Over Tk 6 cr deficit, 5.2 pc rise in expenditure

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The Dhaka University authorities have proposed a budget for 1999-2000 financial year envisaging an expenditure of Tk 73.71 crore and an income of Tk 67.65 crore, leaving a deficit of Tk 6.06 crore.

The proposed expenditure is 5.22 per cent higher than that of fiscal 1998-99. The deficit in the revised budget for fiscal 1998-1999 was Tk 3.38 crore.

Pro-Vice-chancellor Prof. Shahadat Ali who is the acting Treasurer of the university placed the budget at the inaugural session of the DU Senate, held at the Administrative Building Sunday afternoon.

Prof. Ali presided over the session as Vice-chancellor Prof. Ak Azad Chowdhury is now abroad. The session was adjourned till 3:30 pm on July 12 after placing the budget.

Of the proposed income for fiscal 1999-2000, Tk 61.15 crore or 90.39 per cent will come from the University Grands Commission (UGC) as government allocation and only Tk 6.5 crore will be generated from the university's won resources.

The highest expenditure of Tk 50.61 crore or 68.66 per cent of the total has been proposed

for salary and pension of teachers, officials and employees of the university. Out of it, 33.18 per cent will be spent for the salary of teachers and 28.70 per cent for officers and employees.

An amount of Tk 12 crore or 16.29 per cent of the total expenditure has been proposed for payment of electricity and telephone bills, tax, maintenance and repair.

Tk 11.09 crore or 15.05 per cent of the total expenditure has been proposed for Education Support services. Out of it, 2.52 per cent has been earmarked for research, 1.38 per cent for library, 1.33 per cent for scholarship, 3.36 per cent for holding examinations and 3.15 per cent for chemicals and equipment.

Expenditure for DUCSU remained unchanged at 12 lakh.

Of the total expenditure, 0.48 has been proposed for books and journals, 0.15 per cent for sports, 2.04 per cent for bus service for students and 0.27 per cent for seminar, conference and study tour.

Presenting the budget, Prof. Shahadat Ali said allocation for research has been increased to Tk 1.85 crore from Tk 94.3 lakh. He said the expenditure for academic activities should increased.

The Pro-VC mentioned introduction of some new departments including Liberation War and Bangladesh Studies, Population Communication, American Studies and Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology at the university.

A total of 56 members including 25 elected registered graduate representatives attended the inaugural session of the Senate.

VC Prof. A. K. Azad Chowdhury is likely to address the Senate on July 12.