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Govt grant to 251 madrasahs restored

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The government has decided to restore grants to the madrasahs, which fulfil the terms and conditions of the government. Earlier, the government suspended grants to 251 madrasahs following allegation of corruption.

The decision was taken at a meeting held at the Ministry of Education with Education Minister A.S.H.K. Sadek in the chair. The meeting was attended by Education Secretary Kazi Raquib Uddin Ahmed, Secretary of the Primary and Mass Education Division, Controller of Bangladesh Madrasah Education Board and Superintendent of different madrasahs of the country.

The meeting decided to give an opportunity to the 251 madrasahs to appeal to the ministry for the government's grant. After receiving applications from the madrasahs the representatives of the ministry will inspect and examine the relevant papers of those madrasahs. If those madrasahs are found to have fulfilled the terms and conditions of the government they will continue to receive the grants, meeting sources said.

However, the minister informed the meeting that grant

would be stopped to those madrasahs which failed to fulfil the minimum requirements. The government had to stop grants to many madrasahs that exist only on papers, he said.

The minister said that the Madrasah Education System of the country would be run totally in the light of the Kudrat-e-Khuda Education Commission to upgrade the quality of madrasah education in the country.

The madrasah teachers who participated in the meeting demanded proper curriculum for the madrasah education and a manpower structure for the overall development of madrasah education.

They expressed their anguish saying that some madrasahs and their teachers were tarnishing the image of madrasah education by indulging in corrupt practices. "We cannot suffer for the corruption of some unscrupulous people," they told the meeting.

The minister directed the Madrasah Education Board to inform the ministry after examining the formalities. He suggested that the Heads of the Madrasahs should be designated as Principals instead of Superintendents.