

PERMANENT CAMPUS OF PVT UNIVS UGC may submit compliance report next week

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THE University Grants Commission is likely to submit compliance reports of the private universities on shifting to their own campuses early next week, said a top official of the regulatory body of the universities in the country.

Private universities that missed three deadlines for shifting to their own campuses are scheduled to submit the compliance report through the UGC by September 30.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid on August 13 asked all private universities to submit reports and said action would be taken against non-compliant universities after receipt of the reports.

There are 83 private universities in the country and 52 of them have completed seven years in operation. Fifty universities have submitted their reports while two are operating with court orders.

The Private University Act

2010 requires universities to move to their own campuses in seven years after establishment. The act stipulates that a university must own a permanent campus on an acre of land in the capital or two acres outside the capital in seven years of its operation.

A UGC member said UGC officials had completed the report. UGC chairman Abdul Mannan will join office on Thursday on his return from abroad. UGC will forward the report to the education ministry only after the UGC chairman sees the report.

UGC private university section deputy director Jesmin Parvin said they would submit the report to the ministry by the third week of October.

Education ministry additional secretary (university) Mohammad Helal Uddin said they would decide on the next step after assessing the report submitted by UGC.

The authorities of the universities have sought one

year to five years time to shift to their own campuses in the compliance reports.

In January 2014, the education ministry asked the private universities, which missed two deadlines to move to their permanent campuses, to comply with the directive by September 15, 2015.

The government in December 2010 warned the errant private universities that their academic activities would be stopped if they failed to move to their own campuses by October 2011.

In January 2012, the government gave the private universities one more year for the second time to move to permanent campuses.

UGC officials said that 15 universities had shifted to their own campuses and some others were partially carrying out academic activities on their own campuses while the buildings of some universities were under construction.