

Prime Minister's directive

Form task force to improve management of edn boards

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Saturday directed the Ministry of Education to immediately form a task force for the improvement of management of eight education boards of the country, reports BSS.

The boards are five Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards, one Madrasa Education Board, one Technical Education Board and the National Curriculum and Text Book Board.

The task force will have to give its report in three months an augmenting efficiency and ensuring transparency of administration of the education boards.

The decision was taken after an elaborate briefing session lasted for about five hours held at the conference room of the Ministry of Education with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The briefing, sixth of its kind, following those held in the Ministries of Food, Energy, LGRD and Cooperatives, Health and Family Welfare and Communication, was held as part of the Prime Minister's decision to visit every Ministry of the

Government in succession to have through briefings on the functioning and problems and on-going programmes of the Ministries.

Education Minister ASHK Sadek, cabinet secretary Ataul Haq, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr. SA Samad, Education secretary Abdullah Harun Pasha, senior officials of the ministry, departmental heads under the Ministry and Chairmen of the Boards of Education attended the session.

The Prime Minister also directed the authorities to take immediate steps for filling the vacant posts of headmasters and assistant headmasters in government high schools.

She also directed to unearth the cause of leakage of question papers of the on-going SSC examinations and asked the authorities to go for full proof package and storage system.

The Prime Minister said the government has attached highest priority to education sector as education alone can give solution to a number of social problems like unemployment and malnutrition. She said, the nation won freedom through

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highest sacrifice with a vision to reach the fruits of development to the doorsteps of the masses.

The Prime Minister said, we are now trying to build the nation in line with the dream of Father of the Nation for establishing a poverty and hunger free prosperous nation. "Education brings about self-employment and self-reliance" the Prime Minister said adding that to achieve the goal of the War of Liberation we must enhance the standard of education. She said, education has no alternative to transform the population, hitherto considered the burden on the nation, into a meaningful and potential human resources.

The Minister emphatically said, "we do not run the country on adhoc basis like the previous government. We are to stick to vision, well thought principles and forward planning." She said, her government is committed to bringing everything in discipline.

Sheikh Hasina said, her government shall never take recourse to any quarter for its political existence. But the government is committed to carrying the nation forward, she said adding "we do not go for political bribery as we do not need it for our existence."

The Prime Minister hoped that the situation would be improved in education sector before her next meeting with the Ministry.

The meeting was apprised that the Ministry of Education has put forward proposals to the Planning Ministry for an allocation of Taka 10,585 crore for the next Five Year Plan to enhance the quality of education, train the teachers, alleviate poverty, ensure job-oriented education, women's development, strengthen university education, set up 12 new science and technology university in 12 districts, establish 64 model high schools in each district and over all development of the education sector.