

Grade-nine entry level for all Class-I officers

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THE government on Thursday decided that ninth grade would be the entry level for all Class-I public servants irrespective of cadres and non-cadres.

The decision was taken by the cabinet committee for addressing discrepancies in the 8th pay scale in a meeting at the secretariat.

The meeting also decided that an increment would be given to the cadre service officers during the entry.

But such benefit would not be given to the non-cadre entry level officers.

Finance minister AMA Muhith who chaired the meeting hoped that the decision would end discrepancy.

The new national pay scale implemented in last January stipulated that grade nine would be the entry point for the cadre officers while grade eighth for the non-cadre first class officers.

The basic pay of grade nine is Tk 2,300 and that of grade eight is Tk 2,200.

Officers of the Bangladesh

Bank and other autonomous bodies had urged the government to end the discrepancy.

The meeting was attended by commerce minister Tofail Ahmed and education minister Nurul Islam Nahid.

Among others, principal secretary, finance division secretary and public administration secretary were present at the meeting.

Finance division secretary Mahbub Ahmed said the meeting also decided to award promotion to 50 per cent teachers of the education -cadre so they could go up to grade three from grade four.

The teachers were facing uncertainty in getting promotion from grade three following abolishment of selection grade and time scale in the new pay scale.

Muhith said they also discussed demands by the public university teachers, but no concrete decision was taken in this regard.

He said there were some proposals which needed to be discussed with the public university teachers for final settlement.