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## Asst education officers in upazilas want promotion to ninth grade

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The Assistant Upazila Education Officers' Association organises a discussion on ensuring quality primary education to build Smart Bangladesh at the Kabi Sufia Kamal Hall of the National Museum in Dhaka, on Saturday. – UNB photo.

The Assistant Upazila Education Officers' Association has voiced a demand for its members to be promoted to the ninth grade in the hierarchy of public sector workers, the national pay scale.

Assistant education officers at the upazila level across Bangladesh are currently 10th grade government workers, which they find in conflict with any aim to upgrade the quality of primary education in the country.

The AUEOA said this at a discussion on ensuring quality primary education to build Smart Bangladesh, held in the Kabi Sufia Kamal Hall of the National Museum on Saturday.

They also demanded 100 percent promotion of their service instead of the existing 20 percent.

AUEOA president M A S Rabiul Islam presided over the meeting while its general secretary Salauddin Ahmed Rumi moderated it.

Rabiul Islam said that the prime minister had mentioned four sides to the foundation for a 'Smart Bangladesh' (Smart citizen, smart economy, smart government and smart society).

'The role of the Assistant Upazila Education Officers towards implementation of this foundation is immense. They would be working to build a smart next generation, but they are being deprived of their rights,' he added.

'Assistant Upazila Education Officers do have the capacity to work more and improve the quality of primary education. But for this, they need 100 percent promotions and elevation to 9th grade,' Rabiul said.

Among others, Bangladesh Assistant Upazila Education Officers Association advisory board members, central committee leaders at various levels, various district committee presidents, general secretaries and members were present in the meeting.



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