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## Degree/course for polytechnic diploma holders

The question of providing facilities for higher education for the diploma holders in engineer ing, textile and leather technologics is under active conside holders in ensinceful textile ration of the Government to and leather technologies, has states BSS.

A Press note issued by the Min stry of Education Sunday said action has already been taken to re-introduce the "preparatory course" leading to B.Sc. Engineering degree the engineering dirloma holders in the three engineering colleges at Rajshahi Chittagong and Khulha from this current academic session as an interim measure.

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. The Government view with great concern that the students of polytechnic and some other technical institutions under the Directorate of Technical Education are st'll on strike insplie

of possible measures taken to meet their demands. The question of providing facil ties for higher education , for diploma been under active consideration of the Government. Action has already been taken to re-introduce the "preparatory course" leading to B.Sc. Engineering degree for the engineering diploma holders in the three engineering colleges at Rajshahi. Chittagong and Khulna from this current academic session as an interim measure. In the light of the recommendation of the committee constituted by the Government to work out the details of degree courses ing textile and leather technosed in a high level meeting presided over by the Hon'ble Adviser in Charge of the Mints Following is the full text of try of Education and it was edecided to take necessary measures to implement the following in this behalf.

(A) Introduction of a threevear degree course for the enginewing dinloma holders leading (Continued on page 10 col 4)

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to B.Sc. Engineering in civil (for civit diploma), electrical (for electrical and electronics diploma) and mechanical (for mechanical and power diploma) from the academic session 1978-79. This course will be offered at the college of engineering by re-organising the existing technical teachers training college Admission into the degree course will be through an admission test of the diploma holders seeking such admission.

(B) Re-organization of the existing diploma courses in textiles and introduction of a degree course from the academic sess on 1978-79 in the s college of textile technologylby upgrading the Bangladesh Textile Institute. The diplomatand degree courses will each be of 2-year duration The entry 1renuirement for the diploma courses will be H.SC. (with physics chemistry and math) and that for degree will be diploma in textiles. The existing students of the Textile Institute after getting the a ploma will be eligible to sit for them admission test for degree course leading to B.SC. Tech (textile).

(C) Re-organization: of the degree cours: in leather technology and the introduction of the digiee course from the academic session 1979-80 in the cotteste of teather technology by upgrading the Institute of Leather Technology. The diploma and degree courses will each be of 2-year duration. The entry requirment for diploma; course will be HS:C. (w.th physics and chemistry), and that for degree w'll be diploma in leather technology The existing students of the Institute of Leather Technology after getting the diploma will be eligible to sit for the admission test for degree course leading to B.SC. Tech. (leather).

Other demands of the students such as increase in the number and value of scholarships, provision of more funds for books equipment, instructional materials sports goods etc. and filling up of vacant post of teachers have been gi-ven due consideration and effec tive step, are being taken on these matiers. The question of grade and scale of pay for the d ploma holders is under examination of the government.

In view of the above the Government expect that the students will call off this present strike forthwith and resume their classes in the greater interest of their academic carefurther er. The Government expect windeh antil cooperation from all quarters in this respect.

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