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Higher education for diploma engineers

The question of providing facilities for higher education for the diploma holders in engineering, textile and leather technologies is under active consideration of the Government, reports BSS.

A Press Note issued by the Ministry of Education said 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.

The Press Note said, the Government expect that the students of the polytechnic and technical institutions will call off their strike forthwith and resume their classes in the greater interest of their academic career.

Following is the full text of the Press Note:

The Government view with great concern that the students of polytechnics and some other technical institutions under the Directorate of Technical Education are still on strike in spite of possible measures taken to meet their demands. The question of providing facilities for higher education for diploma holders in engineering, textile and leather technologies has 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 for diploma holders in engineering, textile and leather technologies. The matter was discussed in a high level meeting presided over by the Hon'ble Adviser in charge of the Ministry of Education and it was decided to take necessary measures to implement the following in this behalf.

(A) introduction of a three-year degree course for the engineering diploma holders leading to B.Sc. Engineering in civil (for civil 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-organisation of the existing diploma courses in textiles and introduction of a degree course from the academic session 1978-79 in the college of textile technology by upgrading the Bangladesh Textile Institute. The diploma and degree courses will each be of 2-year duration. The entry requirement for the diploma courses will be H.S.C. (with physics, chemistry and math.) and that for degree will be diploma in textiles. The existing students of the Textile Institute after getting the diploma, will be eligible to sit for the admission test for degree course leading to B.Sc. Tech. (Textile).

(C) Re-organisation of the degree course in leather technology and the introduction of the degree course from the academic session 1979-80 in the college of leather technology by upgrading the Institute of Leather Technology. The diploma and degree courses will each be of 2-year duration. The entry requirement for diploma course will be H.S.C. (with physics and chemistry) and that for degree will be diploma in leather technology. The existing students of this 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 given due consideration and effective steps are being taken on these matters. The question of grade and scale of pay for the diploma holders in 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 career. The Government further expect wholehearted co-operation from all quarters in this respect.