

Unplanned hiring of teachers Financial crisis may cripple Ctg Varsit

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CHITTAGONG, Aug 13:—Chittagong University (CU) is likely to face tremendous revenue short all in the current fiscal because of the university's unplanned spending for a large pool of teachers hired beyond the knowledge of the University Grants Commission.

"What alternative is there less going unemployed if no action comes from the UGC? the teachers entered either through the backdoor or with personal influence," a senior faculty member of the university commented.

The university management allegedly hired approximately 227 teachers over the last four years and a half. Most of the recruiting has been made without the prior approval of the University Grants Commission that allocates funds for the public universities.

The university has paid the new appointees over the last couple of years allegedly by diverting allocations from different heads putting the financial management into total disarray.

It is learnt from the audit and accounts office of the university that a bulk amount of revenue deficit has long been carrying forward with a hope that the grants commission would ultimately makeup the deficit.

The grants commission in its cautionary note sent to the registrar of the CU asked to refrain from unauthorized recruitment. It also warned that the responsibility of paying the wage of the appointees would remain on the respective university.

On the other hand, the University Grants Commission adopted a rigid policy in disbursing funds for the public universities. It refrained from allocating additional funds mainly utilized for paying off the teachers and staffs hired without prior approval of the commission.

If the commission stands on its current policy and does not recognize the unauthorized and political hiring for next couple of years, Chittagong University in particular will be going under a huge debt that it will never be able to address without external assistance.

The accumulating debt will not only put the university into operational crisis but also throw the unauthorized and political ap-