

Body to examine tech. employees' pay soon

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman on Monday said that a committee would be formed soon to examine legitimate demands of technical employees and recommend improvements in their pays and service conditions within the limited resources of the government reports BSS.

The Prime Minister was inaugurating the first national conference of Bangladesh Technical Education Directorate Employees Association (BAKSIPKS) at the Teachers Training College auditorium in Dacca on Monday morning.

Shah Aziz described the technical people as the "architects" of future Bangladesh. He said the future progress and economic development of the country depended on our technical hands.

He said the government was aware of the important role the technicians could play in bringing about economic prosperity of the country and added that the entire education was being given a technical bias for this reason.

The Prime Minister also stressed the need for establishing the dignity of labour in our society and give the technical hands due opportunities and facilities to develop their skill to enable them to contribute to the nation building efforts.

He said there were about

one lakh people who took vocational training and had been engaged in employment abroad earning valuable foreign exchange for the country.

Shah Aziz said the successful implementation of the country's second five-year plan scheduled to be launched from next July depended on the technical hands to a great extent. That was why the government was giving stress on quick development of vocational and technical education, he added.

He said besides establishing polytechnic schools in each district technical and vocational training centres would be set up at thana level to develop our manpower resources.

The Prime Minister also urged the technicians and engineers to develop new engineering products with local resources and raw materials on commercial basis. He said such products would help earn valuable foreign currency for the country.

Earlier Mr. Golam Mostafa General Secretary of Bangladesh Technical Education Directorate Employees Association, put forward the demands for improving the pay and service structure of the technical employees and urged the government for their quick solutions.