

Pay Commission this month

Govt employees to get 30 p.c. more DA, bonus

President and CMLA Lt. Gen. H.M. Ershad on Wednesday announced a 30 per cent more dearness allowance for all Government employees with effect from June 1 next. He also announced another five per cent increase in house rent allowance for them, reports BSS.

In addition the Government employees will get festival allowance equivalent to one month's pay from this year for all the Government employees. President Ershad made this announcement after his meeting with leaders of different associations of Government employees at Bangabhaban on the day.

The associations are: Bangladesh Shachibalya Karmachari Sangjukta Parishad Non-govt.

zeted Sarkari Karmachari Oikyo Front Audit Parishad Karmachari Samity and Bangladesh Gano Karmachari Sangjukta Parishad.

The President gave a patient hearing to the various demands put forward by these four organisations and said the present Government has been striving hard to improve the condi-

tion of the people including the Government employees.

He said that he was already aware of the problems of the Government employees and assured that his Government would do its utmost to meet their genuine demands within the limited resources at the disposal of the nation.

Amidst applause, the President announced that the Government would set up a pay commission within this month which will submit its report in six months' time. Time scale will be given on completion of eight, 12 and 15 years of service to the next higher scales with effect from January this year.

The Government employees will now be allowed to accumulate one year's leave with full pay instead of four months as at present. Measures will be taken to supply rations at fair prices casual leave will be allowed for 20 days instead of existing 15 days in one year and employees will be given equal pay for the same type of job without any discrimination.

President Ershad assured that the last pay drawn by an employee before retirement will be considered for payment as (See Page 12 Col 2)

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pension by the Pay Commission. Referring to their other demands he assured that those demands would be considered duly by the commission.

The leaders of the four organisations expressed their heartfelt gratitude for meeting their major demands. They informed the President of their decision to call off their programme of strike and movement including wearing of black badge. They said that they would work normally from the next working day and assured that they would not participate in the strike call of May 22 and 23.

The leaders expressed their solidarity with the government in its development efforts and to work wholeheartedly to achieve progress and prosperity of the country.

The Minister for Local Government, Rural Development, Cooperatives and Religious Affairs Mr. Mahbubur Rahman was present on the occasion.