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Bangabandhu Agri Varsity bill submitted before JS

The report on the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agriculture University Bill, 1998 was submitted before the House after scrutiny by Dr. T.I.M. Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Agriculture, reports BSS.

The bill seeks to transform the Institute of Post Graduate Studies in Agriculture at Salna, Gazipur, into a full-fledged university after the name of the Father of the Nation, in recognition of his contribution to the development of agricultural studies in the country.

Presenting the report, Dr. Chowdhury said that the Standing Com-

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mittee in two meetings held on June 29 and July 1 critically examined and scrutinized the bill and pleaded for passing it by the House in amended form.

But after presentation of the report, two BNP members, Alhaj Mohammad Abdul Wahab (Jhenaidah) and Abul Kalam Azad (Tangail) informed the House that in the meeting they gave their "note of dissent" on certain aspects of the bill particularly on its name. They demanded that the Chairman of the Standing Committee should submit the report of the committee afresh incorporating their note of dissents.

Replying to their allegations, Prof. Chowdhury said that the BNP members had not submitted their note of dissents in writing despite his request. So it was not possible to incorporate their verbal note of dissents in the report.

Agriculture Minister Mrs. Matia Chowdhury introduced the bill before the Jatiya Sangsad on June 14. The bill was sent to the Standing Committee on the Agriculture Ministry on June 17 for submitting its reports after scrutiny within seven days. Later a ten-day extension was allowed to the committee for submitting its report.