

100 employees of edn project-2 submit memo to PM's office

Some 100 employees, recruited under the Non-formal Education Project-2, are now passing their days in agonies due to sudden winding up of the project, says UNB.

The employees on Saturday submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister's Office demanding absorption of services either in revenue budget or equivalent projects.

Earlier, recruitment committee of the Primary and Mass Education Ministry recommended for inducting these employees in the ongoing Project-4 that has manpower shortage.

But the decision was not carried out even after the assurance of the adviser of the ministry Prof Jahannara Begum.

A joint secretary, while sending the file for Prime Minister's approval, has changed the recommendations of the Committee, some employees alleged.

The employees were recruited under national pay scale for the Project 2 in the year 2000 under the donors-aided programme for mass education that started in 1992.

The programme was aimed at eliminating adult illiteracy by 2006. Total Literacy Movement (TLM) was launched in various districts, and only six out of 64 districts were so far declared illiteracy-free.

"Since the programme is yet to achieve its goal, the government can easily absorb us in the ongoing projects. We're trained for the job," one of the programme officers of Project-2 said.

Earlier, the government decided to absorb employees of the Project 1 in the revenue budget, he cited.