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### Token strike by college teachers from today

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The teachers of the government colleges of the country will abstain from attending their duties from September 9-15 for one hour between the period 11 a.m. and 12 noon everyday to press home their 18-point charter of demand.

Speaking at a Press conference at a local hotel on Saturday the Secretary General of Bangladesh Government College Teachers' Association (BGCTA) Mr. A.K.M. Ali Reza, said that B.G.C.T.A. had announced its 18-point demand through a Press conference on July 14 last and the teachers of 213 government colleges had been wearing black badges since July 12 last.

Mr. Reza informed that B.G.C.T.A. gave a deadline on September 8 to the government for the implementation of its demands but due to non-compliance with the deadline given by the B.G.C.T.A., the teachers will continue to observe action programme till September 30.

The action programme includes abstention from work for two hours (10 a.m. to 12 noon) everyday from September 16-22, abstention from work for three hours (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) everyday from September 23-29 and participation of the teachers from all over the country in the grand rally to be held in Dhaka on September 30.

The Secretary General of B.G.C.T.A. said that the 18-point charter of demand included promotion of the lecturers through the departmental system instead of written examinations, fulfilment of the vacant posts of Principal, Vice-Principal, Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professor through promotion including the 20 per cent reserved posts, inclusion of the length of services of the teachers of the nationalised colleges into effective service who has the service period of less than four years.

The press conference was attended by Principal Jahānara Begum, Prof. Moazzem Hussain Khan, Prof. A.B.M. Janab Ali and Prof. Ali Akbar Khan, Chairman, Member, and Joint Secretary general respectively of the association.