

Order curtailing teachers' benefit postponed

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The Government on Saturday has decided to postpone its order curtailing financial grant to teachers of the non-Government schools and colleges due to bad results of their students in examinations.

The postponement decision was taken at a meeting with the representatives of teachers organisations at the conference room of the Ministry of Education, said Education Minister A.S.H.K. Sadek at a Press briefing.

"This decision was taken on the basis of the assurance by the teachers that they would help prepare a guideline in improving the standard of

education", he said.

The Education Minister said that the representatives of teachers organisations admitted the necessity of some steps regarding maintaining the standard of education and a minimum percentage of successful students. But they contradicted with the Process of the punitive measures, he added.

The Education Minister said excepting the performances of the teachers, principal and managing committees of the educational institutions, in efficiency on the part of the administration were the other

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Listing the steps taken by the present government to improve the standard of education Mr. Sadeq said the government had already taken steps to appoint teachers, particularly English teachers in the educational institutions. Necessary steps are underway to impart training to the teachers, he said adding that foreign trainers would be brought to impart training to teachers on different subjects.

While commenting on Education Policy the Education Minister said that a committee comprising members from concerned quarters would be formed to improve the Kudrat-e-Khuda Education Commission and make recommendations to suit the need of the hour.

The Ministry of Education alone was not doing anything regarding Education Policy he said and added that the proposed policy would be framed on the basis of opinions and suggestions of all concerned quarters.

Replying to a question Mr. Sadeq said that initiatives would be taken to identify fake educational institutions through Deputy Commissioners (DCs). There would be no involvement of officials of the Education Ministry in this process.

Replying to another questioner he said that the World Bank did not suggest the government to stop its Food for Education Programme. But it had informed the government that it would not extend support to this programme any longer, he added.

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reasons for the bad results of the students in the SSC and HSC examinations.

Answering to a question whether this decision to curtail financial grants to teachers puts the democratically elected government in embarrassing situation Mr. Sadeq said it would be very difficult to take action in the interest of the nation if we are to consider political interest in every steps.

"If we fail to take any step to stop the deterioration of the standard of education, the situation will be aggravated in future", he pointed out.

He identified the faulty system of providing grants to educational institutions as one of the major reasons of deterioration of standard of education in the country. In this connection he said that the past government did not sanction grants to the educational institutions on the basis of their requirement and performances but on petty political and personal ground. As a result there were many colleges which were established in the past but no classes took place as yet, he added. In this context Education Minister said none would be allowed to establish new educational institutions without prior permission of the Education Ministry. The Education Ministry after necessary enquiry would give its opinion regarding setting up new educational institutions, he added.

Explaining the present government's good gestures in order to improve the standard of education the minister said though the government had given top most priority and highest allocation to education sector in National Budget and Annual Development Programme, we are to largely depend on foreign aid and grants.