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## Tk 68.45 cr DU budget placed

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Treasurer of Dhaka University Prof. M. Shamsul Haque on Tuesday placed a budget of Taka 68.45 crore for the fiscal year 1998-99 of the university showing an overall deficit of about Taka 4.83 crore at the university senate.

The proposed budget of the university for the fiscal 1998-99 includes education and research programme expenditure of Taka 30.87 crore, administrative expenditure of Taka 18.72 crore and general activities and other expenditure of Taka 10.82 crore.

Against the total expenditure of Taka 68.45 crore, Taka 60.50 crore will come from government grant while Taka 6.50 crore will be procured from internal resources of the university.

Prof. M. Shamsul Haque in his budget speech proposed that tuition fees and other fees of each student of the university should rise to Taka 10,000 a year to generate internal income of the university. Citing the example of the private universities Mr. Haque said that every year atleast Taka one lakh is being paid by any student at the private universities as tuition fees.

"In the age of the free market economy, if we want to ensure quality of education we have to provide much more salaries to the teachers", he added.

It may be mentioned that the proposed budget for 1998-99 is 3.87 per cent higher than that of the 1997-98. The budget for 1997-98 fiscal was Taka 65.90 crore.

Later the Senate members took part in discussion on the budget speech of the Treasurer. They include Prof. M. Mostafa Chowdhury, N. Rasheda, Shahjalal Majumder, Prof. Nurur Rahman Khan, Prof. A.T.M. Zahurul Haq, Barrister Enamul Haq and Prof. Giasuddin Ahmed.