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Non-Govt. Teachers Welfare Trust

Sir,

It is a matter of great regret that each and every government makes firm commitment to implement the non-government teachers' welfare trust but none of them did anything as yet and perhaps will not implement it. It's one kind of giving a hope and nothing more.

Whenever the Teachers' Association calls greater agitation the government is seen to declare in favour of our Teachers' Association so that it stops its stern programme.

As the teachers' community is humble and gentle, it believes the government's commitment sincerely but later on, it comes to realise that false hopes were given to them only to pacify them during the agitation.

We know former President H.M. Ershad gave Taka 30 crore, in the name of non-government teachers' welfare trust, Khaleda Zia gave Taka 20 crore and presently Sheikh Hasina has given Taka 20 crore. Not only that in the name of teachers, welfare trust money from each and every teacher's account is deducted at the rate of 2%. But where is its implementation? Though the education minister said that it would be implemented within two months, it is yet to be done.

Many of our teachers are going to retire due to old age, disease etc but they are returning home empty handed.

We appeal to our honourable Prime Minister to implement it quickly.

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