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Victoria College fails to offer MA courses in 4 subjects

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COMILLA. Master Degree courses in the Department of Economics, Accounting, Management, and Chemistry at Comilla Victoria College could not be opened even after five years due to shortage of teachers.

It may be mentioned here that the Ministry of Education in a letter dated 24th July, 1983 communicated to the Principal of Comilla Victoria Government College that the college has been selected by the Government for conversion into "university college" along with Jagannath College, Dhaka, Eden Girls' College, Dhaka, Carmichael College, Rangpur, B. M. College, Barisal, B. L. College, Daulatpur, Khulna, A. H. College, Bogra and Rajendra College, Faridpur from the academic session 1984-85.

On receiving the government letter the Principal of the Victoria College applied to the Inspector of Colleges under Chittagong University to accord affiliation to open Master Degree courses in the Departments of Economics, Management, Accounting

and Chemistry at the college.

After receiving the affiliation letter from the Victoria College, four inspection teams visited the concerned departments of the college. The inspection team in their inspection report informed the authorities not to give affiliation for introduction of Master Degree course unless the existing teaching staff was increased to 10 with three Assistant Professors and five Lecturers in each of the Departments.

At present the strength of teaching staff of these departments consists of seven teaching posts only. Moreover, one post of Professor and one post of Lecturer is lying vacant in these departments for long time.

On receiving the inspection report on the University the Principal submitted a proposal to the Office of the Director General of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education for creation of three more additional posts of teaching staff, in the concerned departments. But till now the proposed additional posts of teaching staff including one Assistant Professor and two Lecturers in each of the departments have not yet been created. As a result for non-fulfilment of the precondition imposed by the University Master Degree course in four subjects at the college could not yet be started.

The academic activities of the Comilla Victoria Government College began in 1899 as an "intermediate college". It was accorded affiliation to start Degree-level studies in 1910. The college has been offering Honours courses in seven subjects including Bengali, Economics, Political Science, Accounting, Management, Physics and Chemistry. The college was nationalised in 1963. From the very beginning the college earned fame for brilliant academic achievements. It also earned a good reputation in the field of sports and games and other extra-curricular activities.