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Teachers earned respect by conducting SSC exams

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, on Saturday said dignity of a teacher was recognised by the society and none could take away it provided a teacher behaves like a teacher, reports BSS.

He said the school and college teachers of Bangladesh had earned respect of the people by peaceful conduction of the recently held SSC Examination.

The Minister was speaking as the chief guest at a discussion on "social values and dignity of teachers" held at the Mohammadpur Central College in Dhaka.

Organised by Dhaka City Unit of Bangladesh College Teachers Association (BCTA) the discussion was also addressed by the State Minister for Education Principal M Eunus Khan as the special guest.

President of BCTA Principal Chowdhury Shahedd Hossain presided over the function.

Among others, it was addressed by Secretary General of BCTA Principal M Shariful Islam, Principal of Dhaka City College Mr Hafizuddin, Addi-

tional Secretary General of BCTA Prof Abul Quasem, General Secretary of Government College Teachers Association Mr Hasanul Bari, General Secretary of Dhaka City Unit of BCTA Prof Khudeza Begum and President of Bangladesh Teachers Association Mr Nazrul Islam.

Giving his thanks to the teachers for conducting the SSC Examination to serve the interest of the students and the nation the Education Minister said a teacher is also a guardian of his students, an ideal citizen and a respectable person in the society.

The Education Minister said his Ministry was in favour of fixing the warrant of presidency of the teachers as a mark of their social dignity and suggested them to negotiate with the government in this regard.

Referring to the time scale announced by the government for the non-government school and college teachers he said this was more beneficial for them than the increase of government contribution to their salaries. He said the time scale would be determined in consultation with the leaders of teachers associations.

Principal Eunus Khan said during the last three years teachers salary had increased by 77 percent and in future their salary would be increased automatically with the new pay scale for other government cadres.

He said Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was thinking to make a provision so that a teacher of a non-government educational institution could get some lump sum benefit on his retirement.

Mr Khan said to ensure job security of the non-government teachers rules would be formulated soon in line with the government teachers.

Principal Shariful Islam expressed the hope that a separate Public Service Commission would be set up soon for recruitment of non-government school and college teachers.

Principal Hafizuddin said one could not get social dignity as charity, it had to be earned by discharging his duty properly. He said economic improvement alone could not guarantee social dignity.