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Tk 190 cr EC grant to train female teachers

Bangladesh will receive a grant of 36 million ECU approximately Taka 190 crore from the European Commission under an agreement signed between Bangladesh and the commission recently, reports BSS.

The fund will be utilised for a programme to motivate, train and employ female teachers in rural secondary schools in Bangladesh, according to a commission press release.

The grant is allocated under the European Union's cooperation programme for Asia and Latin America.

Each year for the next seven years the project will help about 1000 female graduates or practising teachers to become qualified secondary teachers by studying for the Bachelor of Education Degree. The project will secure employment for them in rural secondary

schools, facilitating this by helping to refurbish schools in back ward areas and building living accommodation for the female teachers where necessary, the press release said.

The press release further said that placing female teachers in rural secondary schools in this way and equipping them with modern methods and teaching aids should help those schools to attract and retain more girl pupils.