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Saifur annoyed with lapses in edn sector

Finance Minister Saifur Rahman Thursday criticised administrative lapses in education sector, saying the nation is not getting the return of investments made in this sector due to its weak administration, reports UNB.

"Education administration is the weakest, for which we are not getting proper return of our money we invested in the sector," he said while addressing a seminar here this afternoon.

Citing his home district Sylhet as an example, the Minister said he found most teachers not taking classes properly. He also hardly found the education officers in their

place during the last three years.

"If the situation is not improved, we will not get the return of the huge investment we're making in the sector," Rahman told the seminar on "The Problems and Prospects of Primary Education in Bangladesh" at Jatiya Press Club.

Bangladesh Literacy Society (BLS) organised the seminar where its Secretary General Prof Mohammad Osman Ghani presented the key-note paper containing 29 recommendations for removing existing

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problems and proper implementation of all programmes taken in the area of primary and mass education.

Secretary of Primary and Mass Education Divisions Kazi Raquibuddin Ahmed, Chairman of the University Grants Commission Prof M Shamsul Haq, former Director General of Higher Education Directorate Prof Abdur Rashid Chowdhury, former DG of Primary Education Directorate Dr Zahirul Islam Bhuiyan and Dr Mohammad Mohabbat Khan, Prof Abu Hamid Latif and Prof Siddiqur Rahman of Dhaka University took part in discussion.

Giving an elaborate description of government expenditure on education, the Minister said a total of Tk. 4,100 crore, including expenses for sports and cultural activities from the allocations of sports and cultural ministries, would be spent for education during the current fiscal year.

Government has earmarked Tk 3,600 crore in the education budget, of which 51 percent will be spent only for primary education, he said, adding the expenditure for social sector will stand at 35 percent of total allocations in the revenue and development budget.

The Finance Minister indicated that the budget for the education sector might be increased. "If I can save a single furthing, I will divert that to the education sector."