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Call to absorb PTI pass-outs

By A Staff Reporter

The training of the 52 Primary Training Institutes (PTIs) of the country on Friday urged the government to appoint new primary teachers from among PTI pass-outs in keeping with their merit lists.

Addressing a news conference at Jatiya Press Club leaders of their organisation—Bangladesh Certificate-in-Education Chhatra Sangram Parishad—alleged that in the absence of policy guidelines in this regard, untrained persons were being recruited while the trained ones remained unemployed.

A 7-point charter of demands put forward by them also calls for increasing the rate of stipends per trainee from Taka 150 to Taka 500 per month, granting of similar stipends to teachers who come for train-

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ing on deputation, introduction of higher Certificate-in-Education course in the PTIs, and elevation of the status of the PTIs to that of a college. They also demanded introduction of distance education course to raise the professional skills of primary teachers.

Replying to a question they said about ten thousand trainees were passing out of the 52 PTIs each year, and about 30,000 passouts were now unemployed.

If their demands were not fulfilled by January 1, next, they might go for some programme, they said. Those who addressed the news conference were: Messrs Md Rezaul Karim Reza, President, Sheikh Abu Siddique, General Secretary, and Md Abdul Karim, Organising Secretary of the Bangladesh C-in Ed Chhatra Sangram Parishad.