

Allocation of highest amount in edn sector to be continued

MOULAVIBAZAR, Jan 18: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman assured that government would continue to allocate highest amount in education sector in the coming years, reports UNB.

The Minister was addressing here as chief guest at the annual conference of the non-government high school teachers on Sunday.

Saifur Rahman said Tk 400 crore would be spent in the education sector in addition to Tk 3000 crore which was already

allocated in this sector.

Of the total amount, Tk 190 crore would be spent to develop non-government primary schools, the Minister added. A total of 5400 non-government primary schools have been taken up under the development scheme this year.

The teachers attending the conference demanded to set up a Teachers Training College at Moulvibazar to meet the long standing demand of the people of this area. They also demanded for a regional secondary and primary education office in the district.

The Finance Minister also assured the teachers to look into their genuine demands with due consideration, said an official handout.

ESSENTIALS' PRICE UP

Another report says: Prices of essentials have registered a sharp rise in the hat bazars of the district causing suffering to the common consumers.

Local people said prices of onion, garlic, chillies, sugar and vegetables have gone up during the last fortnight.

Moreover, prices of powder milk, butter, ghee, soyabean oil, mustard oil have shot up beyond the purchasing of poor consumers.

Some consumers alleged that some traders have been hoarding the essentials to create artificial scarcity in the market with the connivance of a section of dishonest officials.

At present onion is being sold at Tk 32, chillies at Tk 60, sugar at Tk 30 and salt Tk 9 per kg while the seasonal vegetables-potato is being sold at Tk 10, karalla at Tk 20 per kg, cauliflower and cabbage at Tk 10 per piece.

Local traders have urged the authorities to form a mobile court to check the price-hike of essentials for the interest of the poor consumers.

WHITE PRINT

UNB further adds: High price of white-print paper has seriously affected printing and publication sector of the district.

According to market sources, the recent price hike was caused by the short-supply of the printing papers including newsprint and white print.

Some unscrupulous traders

are reportedly taking advantage of the situation and raised the market price abruptly. As a result, owners of local printing press are facing problems.

Meanwhile, prices of books and copy books have also increased affecting the students in particular.