

Woman teachers' quota short in primary schools

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The government quota reserved for woman candidates in the recruitment of teachers in government primary schools is not being maintained, according to a Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BAN-BEIS) report.

During the period of last six years beginning from 1981 out of 4,521 teachers recruited in government primary schools, only 32 were women representing less than one per cent fulfilment of the 15 per cent quota reserved for women.

According to the report, the annual per student expenditure in government schools, colleges and Universities had increased manifold over the years.

The per capita expenditure in government primary schools increased to Taka 268 in 1984 from Taka 129 in 1981. In government secondary schools to Taka 1,128 crore from Taka 682 in government madrasa to Taka 4,327 in 1984 from Taka 2,785 in 1982.

In government colleges it increased to Taka 1,528 in 1984 from Taka 923 in 1981 and in polytechnic institutes the per capita expenses soared to Taka 4,560 in 1984 from Taka 1,008 in 1981. The report could only mention the cost per student in cadet colleges for a single year. In 1984, the per capita cost was 13,772 Taka.

In Dhaka University the

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annual recurrent expenditure per student increased to Taka 10,666 in 1984 from Taka 6,352 in 1981.

Among the six universities of the country, Jahangirnagar University topped the list so far per student expenditure was concerned till 1984. The expenses incurred by the government for a student in JU in 1984 was Taka 24,200. In 1981 the per student expenses in JU was Taka 21,000. The per student expenditure in Agricultural University, Engineering University, Rajshahi and Chittagong Universities in 1984 were Taka 24,059, Taka 18,409, Taka 7,212 and Taka 11,379 respectively.

According to the report, monthly tuition fees in government institutions including universities ranged between Taka 0.31 and Taka 12.00 while private tuition charges in Dhaka metropoli-