

PTA leaders assure CMLA cooperation

Pry teachers regular Government servants

The Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt. Gen. H. M. Ershad on Wednesday said the primary school teachers have been and are government servants. Let there be no confusion about it, he assured, reports BSS.

The CMLA was talking to the Executive Committee members of the Primary Teachers' Association who met him in Dhaka led by Mr. Shahjad Muhammad Nurul Alam Amecri.

Referring to the decentralisation and abolition of sub-division based Local Education Authority Act, he said devolution of primary education administration at the thana level done in the light of administrative reorganisation, would ensure larger responsibility of the teachers and greater attendance of

the primary school age children. This has nothing to do or will not at all affect the position of the primary school teachers who will continue to remain regular government servants, he added.

The primary school teachers had free and frank exchange of views with the CMLA and discussed with him their problems and ways to improve the standard of primary education.

Gen. Ershad told them that they are regular government servants and if there are any anomalies in this respect those will be removed. The problems raised by the teachers included rationalisation of pay scale and grade of teachers according to training and education, responsibilities of headmasters of pri-

mary schools and transfer of primary school teachers to other places.

The CMLA gave on the spot orders to stop the transfer of primary school teachers and assured them to look into other problems.

The teachers assured the CMLA that they would extend their whole-hearted co-operation in the development efforts initiated by the government and maintain their non-political character.

Gen. Ershad announced Taka five lakh and fifty thousand for the construction of an office-cum-transit rest house in Dhaka for the primary teachers.

The Education Minister Dr. A. Majeed Khan was present on the occasion.