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College teachers urged to help implement pry edn programme

Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed on Tuesday called upon the government college teachers to participate in the compulsory primary education programme, reports BSS.

He was speaking at a meeting of the representatives of Bangladesh Government College Teachers' Association and Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Associations in Dhaka.

When his attention was drawn to the immense sufferings of the people following the strike of the doctors, the Prime Minister said President Ershad in his statement on August 5 had clearly stated that the health policy had not yet been introduced in the Jatiya Sangsad in the form of a bill. Neither the Sangsad had enacted any law on it, he added.

The President, he said, had mentioned in clear terms that no decision whatsoever would be effective until a law was framed in this regard. Even there was no directive from the government on this issue, he said.

The Prime Minister made it clear that President had never imposed anything on the people from the top. That is why, he said, the President had issued directive to frame a universally recognised new health policy through threadbare discussions and extensive exchange of opinions. The health policy, against which the doctors had chosen the path of strike, would be framed on the basis of discussions with the doctors and those associated with the health service and later placed before the Sangsad in the form of bill.

A law would be enacted after it was placed before the Sangsad in the form of a bill and thereafter the issue of putting it into effect would arise, he said.

Even after this, if the doctors did not withdraw their strike would it not be looked upon by the people as a cruel behaviour to the distressed and ailing people, he asked.

The Prime Minister said he had not seen an example of such a strike in his long political career. He, therefore, made a fervent appeal to the doctors to withdraw their strike and stand by the dying people saying there was still time to do it.