

## Plea for equal aid to Forquania Madrassahs

From Our Correspondent

PATIYA, July 1: Hazrat Allama Hakim Mubarak Ali Hezazi, President of Bangladesh Forquania Madrassahs Teacher's Association, has urged the Government to enhance the quantum of aid to all Forquania Madrassahs of the country.

Talking to newsmen he demanded equal allocation of Government aid to all Forquania Madrassahs. Allama Hezazi said that during the Pak regime all Government-affiliated madrassahs were provided with equal amount of aid by the Zilla Board. But after the independence this assistance had been stopped at the instigation of some interested quarters. Following relentless efforts of the association the Government decided to give financial assistance to only 225 Madrassahs out of a total of 1,165 in the year 1978 and 485 in the year 1979 at the rate of Taka 100 per year, he added.

Allama Hezazi alleged that despite several appeals to the Chittagong Zilla Board no significant step had yet been taken to provide equal amount of help to all Forquania Madrassahs.

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The President of the association thanked the Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman for the assurance given to fix the pay-scale and allowance of Forquania Madrassah teachers. He also said that they faced a lot of problems in drawing the Zilla Board money.

Maulana Hezazi urged the Government to engage the Forquania Madrassah teachers in various social welfare work.

He observed that the Government should look after the Forquania Madrassah teachers who were engaged in moulding the children of the country with the ideals of Islam and Quran which, he added, would help build a healthy and happy nation.