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Decision on medical colleges: clarification

DHAKA, June 19 (BSS): The Ministry of Health has categorically said that the government had not taken any decision to convert the medical colleges and hospitals into autonomous bodies.

This was stated by the Ministry of Health and Family Planning to remove the apprehensions and reactions regarding the future of jobs of the concerned government employees while clarifying a news item published in different newspapers that "hospital and medical colleges are being brought under autonomous administration", an official handout said.

According to the government policy, to reach the administration to the door steps of the people, decentralisation of administrative and financial power at different stages was a continuous process. Its objective was to make available to the people

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the benefits of the welfare programmes of the government. The clarification said the government was continuing its all-out efforts within limited resources to ensure availability of good treatment to the people at different hospitals. In spite of that there were complaints in the newspapers very often regarding management, treatment and delivery of medicines in the government hospitals and in some cases these complaints were not baseless. The doctors and employees on duty had to face unpleasant situations if the required medicine and treatment could not be ensured immediately for want of supply of medicines.

The clarification said to bring an end to this situation by making the management of the colleges and hospitals stronger, effective and efficient and to build a sound delivery system of medicines, the government recently decided to give more administrative and financial authority to the management of medical colleges and hospitals in the light of the practiced principles. This authority has been given so that item is not unnecessarily spent for different works and delivery and so that problems can be resolved instantly within the purview of vested authority.

Unnecessarily by terming this decentralisation as converting the medical colleges and hospitals into autonomous bodies, it is being misled, the clarification added.