

BAI Session Jam

Sir,

Due to session jam problem of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Mymensingh, it takes six years or even more to complete a 4-years B.Sc. Agriculture course. For instance, currently the Part-III B.Sc. Ag. examination of 1992 is going on.

As a result of session jam, the Bangladesh Agricultural Institute (BAI) and other agri colleges of the country are facing serious difficulties in accommodating the excess students with their limited capacity and meagre facilities. This situation has been prevailing for the last several years and it will continue till the session jam problem is solved. The relevant higher authorities are not in favour of sanctioning additional facilities plus financial support to the agri colleges for meeting the extra burden. Often authorities suggest containing session jam by quickly holding examinations and clearing the stranded students by the respective colleges with their own initiatives. This is indeed a very good suggestion. But the fact is, the agri colleges including BAI do not have the authority to hold final examinations according to their own calendar because these colleges are running under the academic control of BAU.

In order to solve the session jam and other academic problems, the teachers and students have been urging the government to sanction academic autonomy to agri colleges so that they can run their own academic activities as per the demand of the time by adopting modern academic curricula and system.

We would draw the kind attention of Joint Secretary, Agri Education Wing, Ministry of Agriculture and Director General, BARI to the above mentioned problem and would request their good offices to take urgent steps for solving the long standing session-jam and other academic problems of BAI and other agri-colleges.

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