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Action against DU is being considered

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The government is seriously contemplating stern actions against the Dhaka University authority for alleged financial irregularities and illegal opportunities provided to the employees of different classes.

According to a highly-placed source in the government, the University Grants Commission by this time has been asked to withhold 2 crore 15 lakh takas against the revised budget for the year 1987-88.

The source disclosed that in the original financial estimate of the university total government grant was about 20 crore 60 lakh takas but at year-end the recurring expenditure of the university stood at 22 crore 75 lakh takas.

As such the Grants Commission is supposed to pay 2 crore 15 lakh takas more to Dhaka University.

val of the government, but the university administration had provided increments to some senior teachers of the university which had created a wider gap between the salary structures of senior teachers and junior teachers.

The Finance Ministry stated that this had been done in violation of the set of 1975. The ministry advised the Grants Commission to inform the university for deducting the increased salary.

In another decision, the Finance Ministry stated, the university authority had incorporated all employees belonging to the 300-540 pay scale in the selection grade of 325-610 pay scale but the selection grade was not applicable to any autonomous organization.

Besides the employees belonging to the 425-1035 scale had been upgraded to

the 470-1135 scale, which

The Finance Ministry in October 1987 had asked the University Grants Commission to take lawful measures for recovering the excess amount of money from the university staff.

Accordingly the university authority has been asked by the Grants Commission to regularize the irregularities.

It is further learnt that some senior teachers of Dhaka University circulated a memorandum alleging financial bungling, nepotism, favoritism and violation of generally accepted norms by the university administration.

When contacted the University Grants Commission Chairman refrained from making any direct comment. Rather he said, "We want that Dhaka University, the alma mater of lakhs of students of Bangladesh, should function smoothly and the institution itself should not be liable for any mistake or

disclosed that during fiscal year 1988 the university authority had given effect to some illegal and irregular decisions which were not in consonance with the rules and regulations set by the University Act of 1973 and were in violation of the rules of the University Grants Commission.

Meanwhile the Finance Ministry in a letter to the Grants Commission pointed out some irregularities about the increment provided to the lecturers by the Syndicate, upgradation of the 4th class employees, and non-deduction of house rent from the officers and employees salaries who were provided with staff quarters.

Besides the government also pointed out alleged irregular promotions and employment of teachers in different departments which were made under gross violation of the university's rules and regulations.

The Finance Ministry reminding the relevant authority of the 1975 Act 32 (Clause 5/2) stated that no increment in any autonomous organization should be made without the appro-

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individual."