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DU, RU, CU won't admit NU students to Masters courses

Three general universities of the country including Dhaka University will not offer admissions to Masters degree classes to those students who passed Bachelors Degree examinations this year under the National University. Dhaka University has already taken final decision in this regard and formal announcement is just being awaited, says Media Syndicate.

According to sources, the authorities have taken the decision to remove sessions jam of the universities, solve accommodation problem in the residential halls and to improve the standard of education. But the future of about 56,000 students who passed Degree examination this year has become uncertain following the decision taken by the three universities including Dhaka University.

It was learnt that the Dhaka University authorities have already informed in written to the National University authorities about its decision. The Dhaka University authorities, in a letter in this regard, expressed their inability to admit students to Masters courses by pointing out various problems. The Academic Council of Dhaka University actually took decision not to admit students to Masters degree courses in the academic year 1990-91. But the authorities did not implement the decision following the request of the Education Ministry.

Of the country's four general universities excepting Jahangirnagar University, the principle of admitting Degree pass (in pass course) students to Masters courses are in practice in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Chittagong universities. Only in Dhaka University three thousand students are admitted every academic year which is almost equal number of students admitted to Honours courses.

Every year the number of students is increasing. But the residential halls, teachers and the number of books in li-

braries are not increasing in the same proportion. As a result the standard of education is decreasing day by day. The authorities have taken the decision in order to solve these problems, an official of Dhaka University said.

Meanwhile, Masters classes are being taken in only some colleges out of 582 colleges affiliated with the National University. But the accommodation of so many students in those colleges are not possible in any way.

An official of the National University said that, 'We are thinking over it. Discussions with the Education Ministry in this regard have already been made. He said no clear cut solution has been found out as yet. But Masters courses can be introduced in some new colleges, he added.