

New absorption rule

## 150 college teachers likely to lose jobs

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About 150 teachers and six principals of 18 women colleges that were nationalised in 1997, are likely to lose their jobs due to formulation of a new absorption rule.

In the new absorption rule formulated in 2000 a teacher needs at least second class in Master's degree and second class in Honours to get absorbed as a teacher in those colleges.

According to the teachers, they all were supposed to be absorbed as per the Absorption Rule 1981, but the Ministry of Education intentionally lingered the process of absorption and absorption 2000 replacing the absorption rule 1981 and 1998.

The Ministry of Education issued gazette notification, summary of the then Prime Minister's approval and gave ad-hoc appointment to nationalise the 18 women colleges as per the absorption rule 1981 in different district headquarters across the country in 1997.

The teachers filed five cases with the High Court finding no other way and the court issued stay order on absorption rule 2000 and directed to maintain status-quo.

Sources in the Ministry of Education said the ministry in a recent meeting decided to request the Attorney General to take steps from his part for speedy disposal of the cases.

According to the sources education in the 18 colleges are being hampered seriously as many teachers are in anxiety because they might have lost their jobs in future.