

# MPO teachers to draw enhanced salaries: Nahid

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EDUCATION minister Nurul Islam Nahid said on Tuesday that non-government school and college teachers under the government's monthly pay order would get salaries at new rates and at the same time with the public servants.

He said it was a routine work to review the monthly pay order in case of new recruits and that would not delay the process for disburse-

ments of salaries of around five lakh teachers and employees under the MPO.

'I expect the non-government school and college teachers, who were already drawing salaries under the government's monthly pay order, would get their remunerations at the new rates and at the same time with the government employees,' the education minister said while addressing a dialogue

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with reporters at Bangladesh Secretariat.

The monthly salaries at the enhanced rates would be disbursed at a time for both the government employees and teachers of the MPO-listed educational institutions, he added.

The new pay structure notified in a gazette on December 15, however, did not mention anything about the teachers and employees of such educational institutions, drawing 100 per cent salaries from the government exchequer.

Finance minister AMA

Muhith has, meanwhile, announced that the public servants would get salaries at the enhanced rates from January 2016.

He earlier had hinted that the teachers drawing their pays under the government's monthly payment order might wait for six months to get their salaries at the enhanced rates for review of the MPO-listed institutions.

Nahid said the government initiated a move to enact an education law that would incorporate a provision for ensuring transparency in the earnings and ex-

penditures of around 37,000 such non-government educational institutions that also included madrassahs.

'We want to stop misuse of funds of non-government schools and colleges and bring transparency in the expenditures,' he replied.

He did not clear whether such funds should be transferred to the government exchequer from now on.

The education minister, however, said that his ministry in a recent circular had made it clear that the MPO teachers would get salaries at new rates with retrospective effect from July 2015 as

per the cabinet decision.

He said the public university and the government college teachers would continue to get benefits under the existing system unless the selection grades and timescales were replaced with any other alternative measures exclusively for them.

Nahid said the main challenge for the government in the sector was to ensure quality education now.

The Bangladesh Secretariat Reporters' Forum organised the dialogue moderated by BSRF president Shyamal Sarkar.