

Non-MPO teachers to continue sit-in today

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TEACHERS of non-MPO educational institutions on Monday said they would continue sit-in at Central Shaheed Minar today for the second consecutive day for immediate inclusion of their institutions under the monthly pay order.

Teachers and employees under monthly pay order enjoy 100 per cent basic salary from the exchequer.

Several hundred teachers under the banner of Non-MPO Educational Institutions Teachers and Employees Federation started the sit-in at 10:00am and continued it till 5:00pm and announced that they would hold the same programme at the same venue today.

'We will hold sit in on Tuesday and will declare further programme,' said the federation president, Es-harat Ali.

He said, Education is the backbone of the nation. But more than 1 lakh teachers are living miserable lives as they do not get any salary and other benefits from the government.

There are more than 7,000 educational institutions including school, college, madrassah and technical institutions still waiting to be listed as MPO institutions.

Demanding immediate enlistment of every non-MPO institution under MPO, speakers at the programme also demanded prime minister's interference into the matter to save teachers and employees along with their families.

Nearly five lakh teachers and employees engaged in about 28,000 non-government post-primary educational institutions have been enjoying 100 per cent basic salary from the exchequer in the form of monthly pay order, since July 2006.