

TEACHER APPOINTMENT

*Nahid censures MPs
critical of commission*

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EDUCATION minister Nurul Islam Nahid, on Sunday accused the lawmakers criticising ministry's move to form commission for appointment of teachers at educational institutions of the list of monthly pay order of taking position against legal provisions they passed in parliament.

'I was stunned by lawmakers' criticisms...The same lawmakers passed the national education policy that made a provision for forming a Non-government Teachers Selection Commission to appoint meritorious teachers,' Nahid told parliament.

Several lawmakers on November 12 criticised the minister for planning to strip the managing committees of MPO-listed educational institutes of their authority to appoint teachers.

The minister said that

the policy was not aimed at depriving anyone rather the commission would upgrade the quality of education and appointment of qualified teachers.

The 300 lawmakers can be the president of managing committees of only 1,200 of the 36,071 MPO-listed educational institutions as a lawmaker cannot lead managing committees of more than four institutions, the minister said, adding, 'What would be for rest of the institutions?'

Each lawmaker heads four managing committees and nominates people to head the others at their respective parliamentary constituencies.

Nahid said that a Non-government Teachers Selection Commission would appoint teachers at primary, secondary and higher secondary schools, madrassahs and colleges following a merit list based on a test.