



Donation-criterion for college teachers' appointment!

Wave of transfers unnerves pry teachers in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Sept. 26.—The teachers are being appointed to different posts in non-government colleges across Faridpur district on the basis of personal donation, not on merit basis, deteriorating standard of education.

When contacted a source of a non-government college told this correspondent that the donation system has been introduced for recruiting teachers in different non-government colleges to create fund adding that the amount to be donated varies from Tk. 50,000 to Tk. one lakh per head in each subject.

The candidate who donates the highest amount gets appointment. One of the unsuccessful candidates said that though he stood first in the written and viva-voce examination held at a non-government college, he was not appointed as he could not donate the amount.

Some guardians regretted that how does a candidate get such a big amount of money to donate to get a job in the college just after the post-graduation examination as unemployed one.

One of the guardians opined that taking donation from the newly-appointed teachers is one kind of business for the governing body. The donation collected is deposited to the bank as fixed one, adding that the teachers are not paid till the college gets affiliated.

The concerned authority should take necessary steps to uphold the standard of education by fixing up a teacher recruitment rule on merit basis not on donation basis.

Jessore

A report from Jessore adds: Teachers of government primary schools of Jessore district are being transferred indiscriminately allegedly under political pressure, violating rules of Education Directorate, according to a reliable

source.

This action, being taken at the end of year, has not only created panic among the teachers but also hampered education of the students.

There are 2991 sanctioned posts of teachers for 662 government primary schools in the districts. At present the total number of teachers is 2774 and that of vacant post is 217 including 52 posts of headmasters and 165 of assistant teachers.

It is alleged that the process of transfer began from June last. During the last two months nearly 250 teachers have been transferred and another 400 are under process, the source said.

Violation of rule

Although the District Primary Education officer, is empowered to transfer teachers but there are limitations and no transfer can be done without assigning reasonable causes and grounds. The rule of the Primary Education Directorate must be observed in case of transfer according to a source.

In a recent order issued by the Assistant Director (Education), Education Directorate under memo no. ST/4/ Edn/ Dhaka/ 98/part-1/3891/841 to all district primary education, it has been

clearly stated that no teacher from any school where four teachers or less than four are working, will be transferred without giving new teachers in the vacant post. The transfers made so far have been done in violation of the government rule, it is alleged.

During this period 34 teachers were transferred from Monirampur upazila in the district and 26 of them were transferred as per the order of the local MP and the rest eight under recommendation of upazila education committee.

Wave of transfer

One teacher out of four from Sagardun Government Primary School under Keshabpur upazila has been transferred, the order of the Education Directorate has not been observed in this case for reasons not known.

Reports received from different parts of the district confirmed that the current wave of transfer of teachers has unnerved them hampering the discharge of duties properly. As such all the primary schools are now under shambles.

When contacted, the District Primary Education Officer, Afsar Ali told me that transfer of all teachers are being done as per the rule and there has been nothing whimsical or wishful, he added.

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