

Govt to review MPO system for teachers: Muhith

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FINANCE minister AMA Muhith on Sunday said there would be a review of the existing monthly pay order system by which the government provides salaries to teachers of selected non-government high schools, colleges and madrasahs.

He said this at a meeting when members of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Education, led by its chairman Rashed Khan Menon, demanded disbursement of around Tk 600 crore, said officials.

A committee will be formed soon in this connection, he told the members of the parliamentary standing committee.

The finance minister pointed out that the MPO system has already been marred by controversy. There are some schools where the number of teachers is higher than the number of students, he said.

Rashed Khan Menon, also president of the Bangladesh Workers Party, told reporters that the education ministry has demanded Tk 1,200 crore, half of which will be spent for payment of the PMO to teachers in the outgoing and the new fiscal years.

The parliamentary standing committee also demanded increase of the construction charge of the newly built educational institutions in each of the constituencies, he said.

One of its members said the contractors are not responding to the tenders, citing the reason of low charge. The finance minister assured the committee members that their demand would be given due consideration.