

One lakh pry teachers yet to get Dec salary

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NEARLY one lakh teachers of registered non-government and community primary schools are yet to receive their salary for the month of December because of administrative logjam, officials of the Compulsory Primary Education Implementation and Monitoring Unit said on Tuesday.

Many teachers were gathered at the office of the director general of the CPEIMU housed at Shikkha Bhaban near the Bangladesh secretariat on Tuesday to know the latest news on their De-

cember salary. Prime minister Sheikh Hasina at a teachers' rally on January 9 announced that the jobs of 104,000 non-government teachers of 26,200 schools will now be regularized. She told the rally that the decision will be implemented in three phases by January 1, 2014.

According to the CPEIMU which is under the ministry of primary and mass education, nearly 90,000 teachers of about 24,000 registered non-government schools and community schools are supposed to get the December salary.

The rest of the newly ap-

pointed teachers who are in the queue for job nationalisation are not supposed to get the December salary, rather they would be included in the government payroll from January.

The maximum salary of a non-government primary school teacher is Tk 5,500 monthly.

'I have visited the Janata Bank branch several times last week for salary but the manager told me that they came to know that the salary of December will be paid late in March. I talked to the district primary education officer on Sunday but got no clear-cut answer. Then I

decided to visit the office of DC in Dhaka.' Ejaj Hossain, headmaster of a registered primary school in Chittagong said.

'Tk 5,500 is my total monthly income. I badly need the money as my only daughter is taking Secondary School Certificate exam right now,' he said adding, 'A deputy director of the unit informed me that the December salary will not be sent to the concerned bank branch before March.'

Mohammad Abdul Halim, director general of CPEIMU, said, 'As the prime minister on January 9 announced nation-

alisation of all the one lakh teachers of nearly 26,000 non-government primary schools, we need to do some file work.'

Mohamunad Shamsul Alam, president of a faction of association of non-government primary school teachers, however, on Tuesday said, 'It is quite unfortunate that teachers are yet to get their December salary while the government primary school teachers got even their January salary meanwhile.'

He said that the non-government teachers do the same job as the government teachers do.