

Retirement benefits for teachers Khaleda announces block allocation of Tk. 30 crore

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Monday announced block allocation of Taka 30 crore for providing retirement benefits to all teachers of private schools, colleges, and madrasahs in the country, reports BSS.

Addressing the teachers of private schools, colleges and madrasahs in Dhaka at Osmani Auditorium, she said amid cheers and applause that work was on to amend private teachers and employees welfare trust law as well as formulation of Retirement Facilities Trust Act.

The Prime Minister also announced that a permanent training institute bhaban for madrasah teachers would be built.

Organised by the teachers associations and Ministry of Education marking the World Teachers Day 1995, the function, first of its kind in Bangladesh was addressed among others by Education Minister barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, Education Secretary Irshadul Huq, Professor M Shariful Huq, Principal Kazi Faruq Ahmed, Moulana MA Malin, Saleha Begum and Nazrul Islam.

Mentioning that her government had been attaching paramount importance to education with the highest budgetary allocation, she said, We want to ensure education for all by the year 2,000 that is why compulsory primary education, adult education and Food for Education programmes have been launched, education upto Class-X for girl students made tuition free and stipend programme for them initiated.

Listing various measures undertaken by her government for the welfare of the teachers, Begum Zia said that her government despite resource constraints had already enhanced government contribution to 80 per cent of the private teachers salary while executive it in



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a function organised in observance of World Teachers' Day at Osmani Memorial Hall on Monday. Photo : PID

about 4,500 new schools also.

She also mentioned that the government had given time-scale for private teachers and said that steps were taken to fill the vacant posts of teachers in government schools besides expansion of teachers, professional skill development training programme.

The Prime Minister said that her government would

continue its all-out efforts to improve the quality of education as well as the teachers. She said that curriculum reforms, development of education management improvement of examination system, inclusion of computers, expansion of technical education and agricultural education were being introduced in order to ensure the effective role of the teachers in the field of education.

There is no alternative to education in enhancing the prestige of a proud nation before the world. Teachers are the main and essential part in expanding education. Teachers with more skill, sincerity and rich in most modern knowledge of science and technology, can build a developed nation," she told the teachers while congratulating them for their sincere services to the nation.