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Nationalisation of women's colleges

PM's directives still await implementation

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The directives of the Prime Minister to nationalise 18 women's colleges at the district headquarters were not carried out even after elapse of two years of the order. The Education Ministry could not complete the necessary formalities during the last two years for the implementation of the directives.

The Education Ministry identified 18 women's colleges at district level for nationalisation under the directives issued by the Prime Minister's Secretariat in November 1996.

Nationalisation of all women's colleges at district level was one of the election pledges of the present government to promote and enhance the facilities for the education of the country's womenfolk.

In spite of the clearance of the Law

Ministry, the decision was delayed by some interested quarters raising various objections at different times.

A competent source in the Education Ministry said that many educational institutions both at secondary and higher secondary levels were nationalised indiscriminately during the past two regimes to gain political advantages.

The indiscriminate nationalisation of the educational institutions during the period has created serious problems and disputes mainly between the absorbed teachers and the teachers of BCS Education Cadre.

The colleges which were identified for nationalisation are Gopalganj Sheikh Fazilatun Nessa Women's College, Madaripur Sufia Women's

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PM's directive

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Degree College, Cox's Bazar Women's College, Lalmonirhat Maudia Khatoon Women's College, Panchagar Women's College, Rangamati Women's College, Shariatpur Golam Haider Khan Women's College, Gazipur Women's College, Barguna Women's College, Jhalakathi Women's College, Narail Women's College, Lalmipur Women's College, Chuadanga Ideal Women's College, Habiganj Women's College, Sunamganj Women's College and Moulvi Bazar Women's College.

The Education Ministry in accordance with the existing nationalisation rules, published a Gazette notification for the nationalisation of 18 enlisted women's colleges where there was no government women's college at all. Government Order (GO) was also duly issued to create posts for the working teachers and employees with the permission of the Ministries of Finance and Establishments, the source further informed.

The Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate submitted a list for absorption of the teachers and employees of the proposed 18 women's colleges on ad hoc basis to the Education Ministry in October last year, the source added.

The Education Ministry sent the file to the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs seeking its comments on the absorption of the teachers and employees of the proposed 18 women's colleges.

The Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry duly gave its comments saying that there was no legal implications with regard to the absorption of the teachers and employees of the proposed 18 women's colleges.

However, days passed into months and months into years but the Prime Minister's directive was still to bear any fruit.