



Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman addressing the silver jubilee celebration and biennial national conference of Bangladesh College Teachers Association in Dacca on Tuesday.

## Service rule for non-govt college teachers framed

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Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman on Tuesday assured that the Government would take appropriate measures to enable the teachers to live honourably in the society.

He was addressing the inaugural session of the three day silver jubilee celebration and biennial national conference of the College Teachers Association as chief guest on Tuesday at the Teachers-Students Centre of the Dacca University.

The conference was inaugurated by Mr. John M. Thompson, Secretary General of the World Confederation of Organizations of Teaching Profession (WCOTP). Home Minister Mostafizur Rahman, State Minister for Education, A. Baten Ambassador of Saudi Arabian in Bangladesh, Faid Al Khatib Moulana Abdul Mannan, Convener of the Federation of Teachers Association also addressed the inaugural session. The Prime Minister who is also in charge of the Ministry of Education said that the Government has started a survey of educational institutions in the country which is likely to be completed soon. The Prime Minister said that non-government college teachers would get their salary at par with government college teachers after the survey. The Government would contribute 50 per cent of the salary in the new pay scale he said. He however laid a condition for the said contribution. He said the contribution will depend on the result of the students. If one student of any college pass higher secondary or degree examination that college

will get the Government contribution. At a later stage of his speech the Prime Minister added that compulsory participation by teachers and students in nation-building work will also be a factor for qualifying for the Government contribution. In this regard he stressed the need of participation by teachers and students of non-government colleges in the government programme of removal of illiteracy canal digging and rural development.

Shah Aziz further said that service rule for non-government college teachers has already been formulated in consultation with the association. But due to some unavoidable reasons the implementation was delayed.

He also said that the Government wants to encourage science and technical education because demand for the persons with science and technical education exists all over. But the century old colonial system of education is of no use now. This 'unproductive' education lost its use, he observed.

Home Minister Mostafizur Rahman urged the teachers to make efforts to restore the past glory of the teaching profession. He said that there will be demands and wants, but those can be solved peacefully. He said that the people are surprised when the teachers resort to strike.

He suggested formation of a committee for examining and submitting recommendations of the demands which will be acceptable to the teachers.

Mr M. Shariful Islam Secretary-General of the Bangladesh College Teachers Association while welcoming the guests and delegates deplored that despite government decision pay scale for non-government college teachers and a service rule has not yet been implemented.

He also called upon the teachers to teach the students now to be literate and canal digging programme. He informed the gathering that 1,50,000 education squads were already operative in rural areas and the movement for removal of illiteracy was gradually getting ground.

He urged the teachers to fulfil this obligation by more participation in literacy drive. Addressing the gathering, Home Minister Mostafizur Rahman said although teachers live in different countries, they work for the making of global community. He said teachers alone cannot change the shape of the society, but since they constitute a great group having responsibility they are in a position to influence to mould the building of the future generation. WCOTP Secretary General called upon Bangladesh government to work closely with the teachers to implement its education policy.

Delegates from India, Nepal and Japan and several hundred councillors from various parts of the country are attending the jubilee function.