

Women quota in jobs to go up

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Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman on Monday hinted that the existing 30 per cent quota for women in Government and semi-Government services would be raised to give more incentive to womenfolk of the country.

Addressing the prize distribution ceremony at the University Women's Federation College the Prime Minister said that the present Government was giving priority to female education and child welfare. He said that already directives had been given to recruit 50 per cent primary teachers from women. He observed that as women are superior to men in "concentration and precision" they should be encouraged to take up teaching profession and secretarial jobs. He regretted that due to lack of educated and trained women the country could not meet the existing offers from abroad.

The Prime Minister, who holds the charge of the Ministry of Education, said that the Government had undertaken a plan to introduce compulsory universal free primary education in the country. He claimed that illiteracy would be removed by 1985. Text books would be supplied free to primary students and girl students at the primary level would be given free school uniform he added.

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman announced that the secondary education would be made liberal and the higher education would be restricted in the country. University education he said should be restricted so that none can claim the post for the Vice-President of DUCSU remaining in the same class for few years.

He announced that the Government was determined to establish planned education system in the country. Those who would not study should not be allowed to disturb peace in the educational institutions he said. In this regard, he mentioned about the incident in Agriculture University that led to the closure of it. He said that a section of the students who failed to win the DUCSU elections had been creating disturbance with hockey sticks and weapon inside the University area. This disruption of peace in the campus was very unfortunate and it should not be allowed to go unchecked he added.

Referring to the demands of the University Women's Federation College authorities and students, the Prime Minister said that he had ordered for exemption of the arrear rents for the existing college building. He also asked for expansion of facilities for vocational trainings inside the college campus.

In her address of welcome Mrs. Nargis Begum Principal of the College said that the college was facing acute shortage of space in the existing small building allotted by the Government. At present the college has 300 students for whom there is no facilities for library and recreation due to lack of space she said. But she added with pride the results of the students in the examinations were very good. She mentioned about the four students who stood first, third sixth and eighth in the HSC (Commerce) examinations held this year.

The prize distribution ceremony was presided over by Begum Taslima Abed MP, President of the University Women's Federation.



Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman giving away prizes to the first place winner in Commerce Group of the Higher Secondary Examinations at the prize-giving ceremony of University Women's Federation College on Monday.