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Non-govt female teachers to get Six-month maternity leave

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monthly pay order will now get maternity leave for six months with full payment and other necessary facilities.

The education minister, Nurul Islam Nahid, after a meeting with leaders of the teachers and employees who were rallying for their various demands told them of the government decision and said that a circular in this direction would be issued soon.

Nahid at the meeting in his ministry office also gave an assurance that the house rent and medical allowance of the teachers and employees would also be increased.

He gave a further assur-

ance that teachers to be appointed in vacant positions would also be enlisted for the monthly pay order and a non-government teacher recruitment commission would be set up to meet their demands.

The minister held the meeting with a 27-member delegation of the teachers and employees behind closed doors. The meeting continued for three hours.

The education secretary, Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, attended.

The non-government teachers and employees were rallying for the nationalisation of their institutions, the enlistment for the monthly pay or-

der, increased festival allowance and annual increments.

The teachers and employees on September 2 began a fresh round of programmes such as strikes, work abstention, sit-ins and submission of memorandum to the education minister and the prime minister to push for their demands.

Nahid urged the delegation to continue holding discussions with the government and asked them to call off their rally scheduled for September 30.

The National Front of Teachers and Employees chief coordinator, Quazi Faruque Ahmed, at a press conference after the meeting with the

minister said that they were neither happy nor unhappy about the government assurances for increase in house rent and medical allowance.

He said that they had expected that the government would set a time frame for the increase in house rent and medical allowance.

Faruque said that they would discuss the issues discussed at Sunday's meeting at a meeting with representatives of all upazilas at the National Press Club on September 27.

'We will then decide whether we would call off the rally scheduled for September 30,' he said.