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Tk 46.44cr DU budget

The Dhaka University Senate on Wednesday announced a Tk. 46.44 crore annual budget for the fiscal 1992-93, reports UNB.

The budget shows a deficit of about Tk. 7 crore. Of the total amount, Tk. 5.38.17.500 (13.16 per cent) will be earned from the university's own revenue sources while the rest will come from the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Prof. Shahiduddin Ahmed, Treasurer of the university, placed the annual budget before a session of the Senate.

Addressing the budget session, the Treasurer urge the Government for additional allocation. Otherwise, he maintained, it will be very difficult to run its academic activities.

He further appealed to the gov-

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ernment to save the university from the hand of financial crisis by allocating Tk. 1.41 crore for 1991-92 and Tk. 5.56 for the fiscal 1992-93.

Shahiduddin said the service charges for telephone, gas, water, electricity and municipal tax were increasing every year but the university were not getting additional amount of money from the UGC to meet up the enhanced rate.

"It could not clear the arrears", he mentioned and cited that the arrear municipal tax alone is about Tk. 1.41 crore.

He said the UGC were not getting money for the salaries of 269 teachers, officers and employees which amount to Tk. 1.74 crore annually.

The Treasurer stated that a number of ageing buildings in the campus were in serious condition and apprehended that fresh tragedies like that a Jagannath Hall in 1985 could occur any time if those were not repaired immediately.

The university were also not getting enough money for repairing those dilapidated buildings.

Shahiduddin, referred to the per student allocation and observed that this was much lower to that in other universities of the country.

The Treasurer said that the tuition fees and seat rent at the university were illogically low putting a stress on the expenditure for its revenue earning.

As for example, Prof. Shahiduddin said the university earned Tk 23.65 lakh from the tuition fees of students during last fiscal year while the expenditure was Tk 35 lakh to collect the same.

The university was also giving a substantial amount of subsidy to its transport sector. He cited an example that it earned Tk 7.50 lakh in last fiscal from its transport sector while the university's expenditure to maintain the sector was Tk 79.52 lakh.

In order to off-set these losses, a budget advisory committee was formed earlier which had suggested to increase the university's earning.

It suggested for building super markets in unutilised land of the university to earn wealth.

The committee also urged the Senate to review the students fees and seat rent and called upon it to take immediate decision for alternative measures.

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