

Promotions to 36,235 primary school head teacher posts soon: Milon

Recruitment for 38,443 assistant teachers to follow as Supreme Court ruling ends nine-year legal impasse, education minister says

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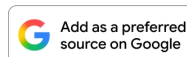


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Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon today said promotions to 36,235 vacant head teacher posts in government primary schools across the country will be completed quickly.

The recruitment of 38,443 assistant teachers, whose posts will become vacant following these promotions, will also be completed, he added.

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The minister made the remarks at a press conference held at the conference room of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education in the afternoon.

"The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has cleared the nine-year legal deadlock over the promotion of head teachers in government primary schools. Following the government's successful appeal, the posts will be filled quickly," he said.

The minister said the Appellate Division delivered its verdict in favour of the government in the civil appeal, adding that the ministry has regained its full authority to carry out teacher recruitment and promotions.



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He said 383 teachers filed a writ petition in 2017 with the High Court challenging Rule 9(1) of the 2013 Recruitment Rules regarding the determination of seniority.

The minister said that immediately after receiving the Appellate Division's verdict, he spoke with the chairman of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC). A formal requisition would be sent to the PSC by today, and the PSC would complete the recruitment and promotion process quickly under special arrangements, he said.

According to the existing rules, 20 percent of government primary school head teacher posts are filled through direct recruitment, while the remaining 80 percent are filled through promotions based on seniority and merit from among assistant teachers.

Since promotions under the 80 percent quota remained suspended for nine years due to the legal proceedings, more than 36,000 posts remained vacant across the country.

Regarding the recruitment of 14,000 primary school teachers already in the pipeline, Milon said, "We will send them for training quickly. Their training will begin immediately and will last for two months."

The minister said the decision had been taken because of a shortage of Primary Teachers' Training Institutes (PTIs), replacing the conventional long-term training with a two-month programme.

After completing the training, the teachers will directly join their respective schools, he added.

He further said that, to avoid session delays, teachers would initially receive two months' orientation training instead of the conventional nine-month PTI training before being posted directly to schools.

At the press conference, State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj said, "For the past four months, we have been making every possible effort to resolve this complexity. Thanks to the coordinated efforts of all concerned, the primary education system has entered a new era today. We are delighted and excited."

Attorney General Barrister Md Ruhul Quddus Kazal was also present at the press conference.