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Public univ teachers for clarity on research fund overhaul

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Public university teachers on Thursday said that they were yet to receive details of the government's recent decision to change the system for allocating research funds to public universities.

Following a meeting between the University Grants Commission and the Bangladesh Bishwabidyalay Parishad, the organisation representing vice-chancellors of the country's public universities, the teachers said that they needed more time to understand the government's position.

‘We will discuss the matter among ourselves very soon and then decide our course of action,’ said Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology vice-chancellor professor SM Abdur Razzak, who is also president of the parishad.

In a press release, however, the UGC claimed that the discussion with the vice-chancellors was fruitful.

Earlier, on July 3, the commission said in a press release that a meeting at the finance ministry on April 4 had decided that research funds for public universities would be allocated and managed through the UGC, and the budget had been allocated accordingly.

Under the new system, research grants will no longer be disbursed directly to public universities. Instead, the funds will be administered by the UGC.

Teachers alleged that the move would undermine university autonomy and teachers’ academic freedom while increasing bureaucratic complexities.

‘The point where we have an objection is that the UGC lacks the capacity to manage the fund.

On the other hand, it is not good for university autonomy,’ professor Razzak said.

In Thursday’s press release, the UGC quoted its chairman, professor Mamun Ahmed, as saying that although the research budget would be implemented through the commission, the academic independence and autonomy of the country’s universities would remain fully intact.

He added that a coordination committee, comprising representatives from the universities, would be formed and that a clear policy would be prepared for the management and implementation of the research budget.

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