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Technical teachers call for nationalisation, separate ministry

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A section of teachers and employees of technical educational institutions under the monthly pay order scheme on Saturday demanded the nationalisation of their institutions, the establishment of a separate ministry for technical education and the enactment of a law to protect teachers and employees.

They also called for the introduction of two trade courses in all secondary schools and colleges across the country, warning of a tougher movement if their 10-point demand is not met.

Under the banner of the Bangladesh Technical Teachers and Employees Council, they made the demands at a press conference held at the National Press Club in the capital, according to a council press release.

The other demands include the nationalisation of all MPO-listed technical educational institutions, the reinstatement of the trade instructor post, timely payment of salaries and allowances, measures to prevent corruption, an end to harassment over pay scales and the digital application system, the establishment of modern laboratories, quality training for teachers, the creation of assistant head teacher (technical) posts and the formation of a separate ministry for technical education.

Presenting the council's statement, its general secretary, Md Abul Bashar, said technical and vocational education was the main driving force behind a country's economic prosperity and industrialisation.

He said technical education accounted for 60 to 70 per cent of the education system in developed countries such as Germany, South Korea and Singapore, compared with only about 16 to 17 per cent in Bangladesh.

Bashar said the scope for quality technical education in Bangladesh remained limited because of inadequate budget allocations and a lack of modern laboratories and infrastructure.

He also alleged that teachers and employees under the MPO scheme did not receive their salaries and allowances on time and often received festival allowances only after the festivals.

He said teachers had to repeatedly approach the authorities to obtain B.Ed recognition and higher pay scales.

'Our 10-point demand is not a luxury; it is essential to protect the integrity of technical education,' Bashar said.

Among others, the press conference was attended by Delwar Hossain Azizi, member secretary of the Alliance of the Associations of Teachers and Employees under MPO, and council president Md Motiur Rahman.

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