

Record Notes of

Meeting with Rector BPATC

Chairperson: Dr. M Aslam Alam, Rector, BPATC

Date: 15 June, 2017 (2:00 PM)

Venue: BPATC Conference Room

Participants: Annex-1

Requested by the Cabinet Division, the Rector of BPATC agreed to hold a meeting on how to integrate issues of social protection with focus on National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) of Bangladesh in different training courses of BPATC. The Rector welcomed the participants from Cabinet Division, GED, SSPS programme and faculty members of BPATC following a short round of self-introduction.

2. Then the Chair asked Mr. AK Mohiudding Ahmed, Additional Secretary, about the objective of their visit to the BPATC. Mr. Ahmed informed that the Government has formulated the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) of Bangladesh. In order to facilitate implementation of the NSSS the BCS officials need to have orientation on it. Therefore, he observed that the NSSS should be incorporated in different training courses of BPATC with a view to institutionalizing training on social protection. He also added that the Cabinet Secretary had sent a DO letter to the Rector in this regard.

3. The Rector informed that he closely participated in the process of NSSS formulation as a member of Central Management Committee (CMC) of Cabinet Division. He mentioned, due to his experience of working in the EGPP programme he took interest in the document and tried to provide inputs in it. Therefore, he has a sense of ownership for the NSSS, which is a roadmap for reforming social protection of Bangladesh. He agreed with the Cabinet Division's proposal to introduce module on social protection in different courses of BPATC. However, nobody of BPATC could confirm receipt of any DO letter from Cabinet Division. Then the Additional Secretary handed over a copy of the letter to the Chair.

4. It was apprised in the meeting that the Cabinet Division has a TA project called Social Security Policy Support (SSPS) Programme to support implementation of the NSSS. The project is supported by the UNDP, DFID and DFAT. It will be possible to provide supports in developing module on social protection and relevant training materials. It can also support holding workshops/seminars and extension sessions on social protection.

5. After elaborate discussion the following decisions were taken:

- BPATC will take measures to incorporate the social protection issues in all core courses of BPATC.

- A scoping workshop will be organized on social protection, preferably in the first week of July 2017 with the main objectives of exploring probable areas and modalities to mainstream elements of social protection in training courses.
- Training team of SSPS project and BPATC will work together for reviewing the existing modules of different training courses and identify scopes for incorporation of social protection issues in these courses.
- The relevant staff of the SSPS programme will provide technical support in this regard.
- Mr. Abdul Baki (Joint Secretary), Director, BPATC will work as the focal point to coordinate the issue with SSPS programme and Cabinet Division.