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### **DUTA holds Demonstration and March at Aditi Mahavidyalaya & Bawana Main Bazar**

**-- Hundreds of teachers protested against Anti-higher Education Model of Delhi Govt and demanded withdrawal of Ms. Atishi's letters.**

**-- Teachers demanded payment of salaries and full funds from Kejriwal Government**

**-- DUTA also demanded the start of appointment process in Delhi Govt funded colleges**

Hundreds of teachers of Delhi University held a massive Protest March at Aditi Mahavidyalaya and shouted slogans against anti-higher education policies of AAP Government of Delhi. Interestingly students of Aditi Mahavidyalaya also joined the March of DUTA in main Bazar of Bawana to make public aware of threats given by Delhi Government to shift the 12 Delhi Government funded colleges to state university like Ambedkar University and stopping of funding if these colleges remains with DU.

DUTA and teachers of the University condemned and rejected the letters of Ms. Atishi, MoE, Delhi Govt dated 01.12.2023 and 19.01.2024 and asked for their withdrawal and release full funds without further delay. DUTA also resolved to escalate its agitation and expose the anti-higher education model of Delhi Govt in public. A series of similar protests-dharnas in different corners of Delhi, if demands are not met.

Earlier, two letters were written by Ms. Atishi in which she claimed that 939 teaching posts have been created illegally in 12 colleges funded by Delhi Govt and crores of Govt money has been spent on salaries of teachers who are working in these 12 Colleges on permanent/adhoc basis for decades. DUTA President, Prof A K Bhagi said, "these letters along with fund cut, and declaring these colleges financially sick in nothing but arm twisting tactics of Delhi Govt towards employees and students of the college. This is to make these colleges and university agree to shift these colleges to state Universities, like Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar university and Skill University. Govt wants these colleges as degree awarding Autonomous Colleges. This means converting these public funded institution into self-financing institutions.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that under pressure of the DUTA, Delhi Government released fourth quarter grants, though late by almost three months. Mr. Anil Kumar, DUTA Secretary said that teachers of these colleges have not got their salaries for past three months and now the release fund is not sufficient for payment of all dues of teachers and employees.

DUTA President Prof Bhagi said that the insufficient released fund by Delhi Govt has proved that there is fund cut and Delhi Government wants to shift these colleges to a self financing model. AAP Govt wants salaries be paid from students fund fee.

The adhoc teachers of these colleges are worried for their future. They have taught in these colleges for several years and now Ms. Atishi declaring their appointments and post illegal is non-acceptable to them. When most of the UGC funded colleges have completed the process of permanent appointments, in these 12 colleges. Govt of Delhi has created question mark on the very existences of teachers position. Adhoc teachers have questioned that how Delhi Govt visualize teaching learning process in absence of teachers and teaching position?

While raising anti-Delhi Govt slogans teachers of DU demanded from Kejriwal, Delhi Govt to immediately release full grants, sanctioned teaching positions and start the process of permanent appointments.

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