

Teachers still waiting for salaries

Govt gave them a pay hike for correcting HSC exam papers but is yet to release March salary

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Junior college teachers are angry at the government for making them assess Higher Secondary Certificate answer papers by offering them a pittance in the form of hikes and then holding back their salaries.

The teachers are yet to get their salary for the month of March and as a result most of them have been unable to plan their vacations.

"Without money how can the teachers book tickets or even have some cash in hand to splurge on holidays? The government convinced us to do corrections and assessments by offering us a hike in the pay scale. But by delaying our salaries they have just fooled us," said Amar Singh, president of Junior College Teachers Union (JCTU).

Singh said the education department on April 10 had assured them that the teachers would soon receive their salaries. However, that has not yet been done.

"When we did not get our salary in the first week of April we approached the deputy director's office, which asked us to go to the zonal education inspector. However, at the education inspector's office, we were told that our salaries have not been processed as there was a delay in receiving funds from the government," said Singh.

Junior college teachers are infuriated that this is delay occurs every year. "When the government knows of the cash crunch at the end of the financial year, they should have made a provision for the same beforehand," said Singh.