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The government is deeply committed to promote higher education. Without improving quality and quantity of education, prospects of this country will not improve. Government recognizes the efforts of Higher Education Commission and other institutions in promotion of higher education in the country.

Currently the country is facing budgetary crunch. Unfortunately, we are facing natural catastrophe in the form of worst floods. This will require reallocation of resources. All aspects of development spending are being tightly curtailed. Efforts are being made to curtail the expenditure.

Austerity is the theme of the day. Within this theme, efforts are being made to keep the share of higher education. When resources allow, higher education is priority. The committee set up by Prime Minister has met and will reach a conclusion very soon.

Higher Education Commission has been asked to shape its prioritization plan in line with fiscal requirements of the country. This exercise is mainly to help find ways to ensure that the development of Higher Education Commission continues in these difficult times. The impression that the government is not committed to funding higher education is therefore erroneous.

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