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The Executive Committee of National Economic Council (NEC) on Wednesday decided to introduce 'Taka 100' monthly stipend for all primary school students scrapping the existing 'Food for Education' programme, says BSS.

In its first meeting after the assumption of the new government, ECNEC also decided to introduce free girls' education upto higher secondary level instead of previous SSC level, a planning commission Press release said in Daka.

The meeting with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the capital at the NEC building decided that the girls securing first division in SSC would receive monthly stipend worth Taka 65 in addition to the facilities of exempted tuition fees.

The meeting approved 10 development projects to be com-

pleted at a cost of about Taka 23,690.50 crore along with taking several major decisions on the education sector.

The cost includes project assistance worth Taka 582.20 crore.

Under the ECNEC decision, from now on the students of all government and private primary schools will receive monthly stipend worth Taka 100 per head instead of food to avoid "irregularities and anomalies" particularly linked to dealerships.

If two students belong to one family they will get a total of Taka 125, the meeting decided.

The Press release said so far 22 lakh children belonging to 21 lakh families were getting the facilities of the Food for Education, which covered only 27 per cent areas or 40 per cent poor students of the country. But ECNEC decision of providing the stipend will cover

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100 per cent primary students, handout said on Wednesday.

The approved projects are: dredging of Tongi-Ashulia river, construction of Dour-Mirpur Ali mazar and construction of connecting road up to Mazar bridge, upgradation of Zir-Karaniganj-Nobabganj-Dohar-Srinagar road into regional way, expansion of Mukti Swaraj, construction of Goainghat bridge on Chengirkhal river, Karna bridge, Bhairab bridge, jute sub-project of BADC, stipend for higher secondary level girls, female secondary education assistance project (Second phase) and expansion of pisciculture upazila level (Second phase).

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Mosharraf Hossain after

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