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Education Policy adopted in JS

Parliament on Sunday adopted the National Education Policy 2000 and also endorsed recommendations for implementing it properly in phases, reports UNB.

Education Minister ASHK Sadique told the house that the national education policy would be implemented gradually by year 2010.

"It is not possible to implement the policy immediately due to financial constraint and lack of necessary infrastructure," he said speaking about accomplishment of an onerous task to meet a long-felt necessity of the nation.

The parliament adopted a set of recommendations for proper implementation of the National Education Policy 2000, earlier approved by the government.

Abdul Latif Mirza of AL (Sirajgonj-4) moved a proposal for adopting the recommendations, thanking the Prime Minister

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for approving the education policy by the government.

"It's a modern, timely and effective policy to raise skilled manpower in the country," he told the House.

Prof Abdul Mannan, Dr Alaudin Ahmed, Hafiz Ahmed Majumdar, Dharendra Devnath Shambhu and Principal Abdus Shahced took part in the general discussion praising Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Education Minister and members of National Education Policy preparation committee for gifting the nation one while there had been no policy on education.

Out of the way from norms of the House the Education Minister was given floor after the National Education Policy was adopted by parliament by voice vote.

"I feel proud and fortunate of framing the national education policy as the previous one was framed 150 years ago," he said, adding that attempts were made in 1952, 1957 and 1969 but failed due to obstruction by the then rulers. People had felt the necessity for change in the education policy since 1854.

Even attempts to formulate an education policy went in vain in 1979, 1983 and 1988, he informed the House.

The Education Minister said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib had constituted Quadrat-e-Khuda education commission in 1972. The report was placed to Sheikh Mujib in 1973, but it was not formally adopted by the then government as the move was thwarted.