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## Compulsory pry. edn in phases

The government has decided to make the primary education compulsory all over the country in phases and in the first phase 64 upazilas will be brought under the programme from the coming academic year beginning on January 1 next year, reports BSS.

According to a recent gazette notification, the Primary Education (Compulsory) Act, 1990 will be in force from January 1, 1992, in four upazilas—Savar in Dhaka District, Patiya in Chittagong district, Puthia in Rajshahi District and Phultala in Khulna district and the sadar upazilas of remaining 60 districts.

The Education Ministry is now busy with the preparations for implementation of the programme through

motivation of the people in these 64 upazilas for sending their wards belonging to the age group of 6-9 years to the primary schools in their respective areas.

The guardians will also persuaded to ensure regular attendance by their children in the schools till the end of the 5-year term of primary education.

The Compulsory Primary Education Committees at ward and union levels in both rural and municipal areas will be formed to make the programme successful.

The district committees led by Upazila Nirbahi Officers will also be formed to supervise and implement the compulsory primary education programme.