

9,000 more primary schools to be rehabilitated

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar on Tuesday told the Jatiya Sangsad that 9,000 primary schools across the country would be rehabilitated by the next three years, reports BSS.

Making a statement on a call attention notice by Mohammad Niamat Ullah (BNP-Dhaka), he said as per the government's policy, primary education had been given the highest priority. He referred to the mass literacy programme of the Government and said that compulsory primary education had already been introduced in one thana of every district and the rest of the thanas would be covered in phases.

The Education Minister said that 3,500 more primary school teachers would be recruited by the government by next month to strengthen the base of primary education in the country.

Mr. Sircar said the government had settled the over-due promotion cases of the government college teachers and added that 2,500 lecturers would be recruited by the government to fill the vacancy in the colleges.

Making a statement on another call attention notice by Awami League member Mohammad Abdus Shahid (Moulvibazar-4), LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam

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Talukder said that the government had a master plan for providing water supply to the pourashavas. He said that making provision for water supply was an expensive matter and it required support from the donors.

The LGRD Minister said that after ensuring water supply to pourashavas at the district headquarters, work would be taken up for such supply to thana level, important pourashavas which would include Srimangal pourashava considering its importance.

Later making a statement on a call attention notice by BNP member Mashiur Rahman (Jhenidah-2), Industry Minister Shamsul Islam Khan said that works for the establishment of an industrial estate at Jhenidah on 15.70 acres of land would be completed during the current fiscal year. He said that Taka 31 lakh had been allocated for the purpose this year.

Making a statement next on a call attention notice by Awami League member Direndra Nath Shaha (Narail-1), Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M. Majidul Hoq said two options were being considered for protecting Naogram sluice gate and Naogram cross dam from erosion of Nabaganga river. These were construction of an alternative short length embankment and construction of a separate embankment along with a sluice gate.

The cost of the proposed option would run over Taka 86.60 lakh and would require a detail technical study before going for actual implementation, he said adding: The Government was aware of the situation and had undertaken urgent steps to protect the Naogram cross dam as per the recommendation of the technical committee which was working on the subject.

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