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Ban on note books likely

Education Minister ASHK Sadique said on Tuesday that the government was thinking of banning note books upto class ten and also enacting a law to stop advertisement of note books in the Radio and Television if necessary, reports BSS.

Making his observation at an open discussion on the national education policy, where editors of the national newspapers participated, the Education Minister said the national committee on education policy is an independent committee and its draft recommendation will be placed in the Jatiya Sangsad, so that all political parties can take part in discussion for adopting an acceptable and timely education policy for the nation.

Mr. Sadique said there has to be a drastic change in the existing education system. Citing an example, he said, there are many institutions where teachers are less than students, but there are others too, where teachers are more than students.

Daily Ajker Kagoj Editor Kazi Sáhed Ahmed stressed the importance of education in mother tongue, suggesting that there should not be any compulsory foreign language for students. He observed that students can learn about religion at their homes. The editor, however, did not oppose giving religious education in schools.

Bangla Bazar Patrika Editor Matiur Rahman Chowdhury stressed the need for introducing computer

education in educational institutions. He suggested that the computerised system should not be linked with internet. Mr. Chowdhury also gave stress on primary education, and

wanted the government to look into the affairs of the schools run by private sector.

New Nation Editor Alamgir Mohiuddin said the students of the country are not taught patriotism. He pointed out that thana education officers did never visit primary schools. Mr. Alamgir alleged that there was corruption in the education offices.

Daily Bhorer Kagoj Joint Editor Abdul Quaium Mukul observed that maximum stress should be given on English education from primary level to make the country's education more time-bound. He however, criticised over-stress on English in kindergarten schools. Mr. Mukul said religious education and Arabic education are not the same thing.

Prof. Shamsul Huq, Chairman of the National Committee on Education Policy, presided over the session. He said the draft national education policy might be prepared by next July.

Mohammad Fazlur Rahman, Member Secretary of the committee and acting Secretary of the Science and Technology Ministry and other members of the committee were present during the open discussion.