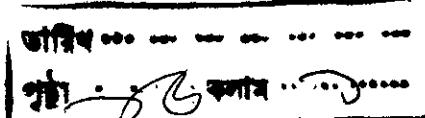# Govt to provide 10,000 computers to schools

The government will soon begin to provide 10 thousand computers along with Internet connections to schools at secondary level under a programme for grooming students with computer literacy.

"We want to make the students educated with computer technology from the beginning; we are lagging behind the world only for lack of adequate knowledge of Information Communication Technology," said Science and ICT Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan.

Selecting 10 thousand schools at union level across the country, computer with Internet links will be given as computer science has been incorporated in syllabus as optional subject for the secondary school students, he told UNB on Friday.

Concerned sources said the Science and Information Technology Ministry would distribute the computers under a project supervised by a Steering Committee led by the Secretary of the Ministry.

Dr Moyeeen Khan said: "If we can implement the project, it will help shaping computer science into a subject which will even contribute to eradicating poverty."

Ministry sources said girls' schools would be given priority in providing computers.

The government has declared ICT as a thrust sector as it is a major source of income and employment in the present world's knowledge economy.