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30,000 secondary school teachers to be trained

Government have a plan to train 30,000 secondary private school teachers on modern methods of science teaching by the year 1990, reports BSS.

Another 2,000 educational administrators, instructors and supervisors would also be trained on science teaching during the period, according to an official source.

The two-week training course was based on practical activities with reference to new science text books, teachers' guides and new components of syllabus.

The course is being conducted by the existing ten teachers training colleges of the country and during 1985-87 a total of 1380 teachers have been trained.

The target for training during 1987-88 was 7,200, for 1988-89 was 11,500 and for 1989-90 it was 12,161, the source added.

The chief co-ordinator of the training course told BSS that the 1st course of training for 1987-88 in teachers' training college in Dhaka began Wednesday with 120 teachers.

About 1,000 teachers would be trained by the ten training colleges during this course. Another two to three thousand teachers would be trained by June 1988 through two more courses to be held in the winter and in the summer.

The existing teachers' training colleges were already engaged in conducting the B.Ed. courses through distance education in addition to their normal courses. Eight terminal examinations, two practice teaching courses and about 25 tutorial services every month were conducted by each teachers training college for distance education programme during 1986-87, the source added.

This year it would be possible to train about 3600 teachers, the source said and added that the situation would improve from 1988-89 when secondary science education development centres would be set up in nine teachers training colleges of the country with separate academic and administrative staff.

The source said that the training colleges were facing accommodation problems because they were also conducting B.Ed. courses through distance education in addition to their normal courses.

All the holidays were being utilised for conducting the distance education programmes and the teachers had little time to study and prepare their lectures, the source added.

The regular course B.Ed. students were also facing difficulties as they were forced to leave the hostels during the eight terminal examinations and the two practice teaching courses to accommodate the students of distance learning system, the source added.

It is suggested that the Bangladesh Institute of Distance Education (BIDE) should have its own academic and other staff in a separate campus with a view to help the teachers training colleges in running their regular courses properly.