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800 pry. school buildings during current year

The government will construct 800 primary school buildings within the current financial year, Education Minister Shamsul Huda Chowdhury said in Dhaka on Sunday, reports BSS.

He said, the government attached priority to the construction of new buildings for primary schools "because that is one of the pre-requisites for creating an atmosphere conducive to education for the young people."

The Minister was addressing a special conference of the Representatives Council of the Primary Teachers' Association at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium in Dhaka on Sunday afternoon. Deputy Minister for Education, Mr. Ziauddin Bablu was also present at the function.

He said, the government was aware of the problems of school accommodations as many primary schools remained in very bad shape and assured that buildings would be constructed in a phased way for all educational institutions.

Mr. Chowdhury said that his Ministry was alive to the problems of the country's 200,000 primary teachers whom he described as the builders of the future generation and the main force of the rural society.

He called for united efforts of the government and the teachers to solve their problems and suggested the formation of a "Representative Committee" to sort out the immediate ones.

Speaking at the conference, Deputy Education Minister Ziauddin Bablu said that the primary teachers, being the leaders and fore-runners of the country's rural society had an important role to play in the socio-political and economic life.

As village leaders and rural intelligentsia the primary teachers could contribute most to the nation-building efforts, he said.

The Deputy Minister said that
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underlining the importance of the primary education, the government would earmark Taka 534 crore for the Third Five-Year Plan period for development of the Primary Education.

The conference attended by several hundred representatives of the primary teachers, was addressed among other by Dr. Zahirul Islam Bhuiyan, Director General of the Primary Education Directorate and Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, President of the Primary Teachers' Association.

Earlier, in his address, Mr. Azad highlighted different problems faced by the primary teachers and called for their immediate solution.