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4,777 schools run by Gramin Bank

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KURIGRAM, July 21:—A total of 4,777 schools are being run by 448 Gramin Bank branches in 7 Zones throughout the country. In these schools more than 1,31,000 boys and girls of landless farmers are being imparted education. Of the total students, 94,000 are girls and the rest 37,000 are boys.

The source added that the schools were established in seven Zones of Gramin Bank of the country. Of the schools, 476 are under Chittagong Zone, 346 under Tangail Zone, 1019 under Rangpur Zone, 1067 under Dhaka Zone, 800 under Patuakhali Zone, 51 under Shirajgonj Zone and 8 under Sylhet Zone.

The Zone-wise break-up of students are 11,700 in different schools of Chittagong Zone, 9,000 in different schools of Tangail Zone, 46,200 of Dhaka Zone, 51,000 of Rangpur Zone, 19,400 of Patuakhali Zone, 2080 of Shirajgonj Zone, and 957 of Sylhet Zone.

All expenditures of these schools are borne by the Gramin Bank authorities. Besides, teachers of these schools are also given professional training by the bank authorities.

Aus cultivation

A total 21,4500 acres of land have been brought under aus cultivation in

16 northern districts of Rajshahi Division during the current season.

Of the total acreage, 3,53,000 acres are under High Yielding Variety and the rest 17, 62,000 acres under local variety. For the success of aus cultivation the BADC supplied required seeds, fertilizers and insecticides to the farmers. The Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank and other commercial banks disbursed loan on easy terms.

The Agricultural Extension Department established 948 demonstration plots at different upazilas and imparted training to farmers.