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Literacy rate 44.30 per cent

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The current rate of literacy in the country is 44.30 per cent. This was stated by Education Minister ASHK Sadek in the Jatiya Sangsad on Wednesday during the question-answer hour.

Mr Sadek quoted a sample vital registration (SVR) of 1995 conducted by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics in 1996 while replying to a question from Shah Hadiuzzaman of Awami League. Mr Sadek also said the number of SSC passed persons in the country is 49,76,500 and graduates 12,71,000.

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Replying to a question from Moulana Delwar Hossain Sayedee of Jamaat-e-Islami, Education Minister said a total of 2031 primary schools were set up in the country with government and foreign assistance during the period between 1991-92 and 1995-96 fiscal.

Mr Sadek also told the House that primary education in all thanas of the country has been made compulsory since 1991.

He was replying to a question of Zafrul Islam Chowdhury of BNP.

Responding to a question from Vice-Principal Moham-mad Abdus Shahid of Awami League Education Minister said that the government has a plan to make 30 lakh people literate in the fiscal 1996-97 with a view to eradicating illiteracy side by side making Primary Education compulsory. Mr Sadek further said four projects of the government in non-formal education sector are in the way of implementation and more programmes in this regard will be taken in future.