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Objective questions in SSC exams to remain

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Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar told the Jatiya Sangsad Wednesday that the government had no plan to discontinue the existing objective question part in SSC examinations.

The Education Minister, however, said measures would be taken to ensure objective questions from the full syllabus of a text book. Replying to a question from Awami League member Md. Shamsul Huq, Barrister Sircar said the system of 500 question bank will be there in the next SSC examinations.

BSS adds: Country's 2.1 per

cent population are graduates and 9.6 per cent studied up to higher secondary level. Education Minister told the house in reply to a question from Jamaat-e-Islami member Haseza Ashma Khatoon.

The sex-wise ratio of graduates is 2.9 per cent male and 0.7 per cent female and that of non-graduate is 12.4 per cent male and 4.5 per cent female.

In reply to a question from Maulana Mohammad Sakhawat Hossain (Jamaat-Jessore), the Education Minister informed the house that 278 Bangladeshi students have been studying abroad under govern-

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ment stipends during 1990-91 and 1991-92 sessions. Of them, 102 are studying in India, 88 in Japan, 28 in China, 20 in Austria, 19 in Canada, 12 in Pakistan, four each in the UK and Hungary and one in Poland.

Besides, the Minister said 969 students are studying abroad at their own cost after taking permission from the Ministry of Education. However the Minister said taking permission from the Ministry for studying abroad of at own cost is not compulsory.

The Minister told the same questioner that 568 foreign students have been studying in different educational institutions in Bangladesh.