



Maktab Mission's novel education project

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RAJBARI: About 1,000 rural children have been provided with Maktab education and more than 200 unemployed persons absorbed in various jobs in Rajbari district through different income generating projects undertaken by Bangladesh Maktab Mission, a non-government organisation established in 1986 aiming at changing lot of rural people and imparting basic education to poor children.

The projects comprise Maktab alongside Mosques, pisciculture, poultry farming, sewing and typewriting training centres and family planning centres. The mission has so far covered seven districts including Rajbari, Gopalganj, Madaripur, Faridpur, Mahisra, Chuadanga and Kishoreganj, where about 500 Maktab have been opened alongside Mosques of rural areas and 50 poultry farms, two sewing training centres, 10 type writer training centres and four pisciculture projects have been launched.

A total of 125 programme officers have been engaged in different districts to run the projects.

Eight hundred teachers have been employed to run the Maktab. Poor children in rural areas who are deprived of primary education are admitted to these Maktab. No tuition fees are charged. About 15,000 children have been provided this education so far.

Maktab Committees were formed at union levels who are entrusted with taking care of the Maktab and collecting donations from the well-to-do persons. The amount of donation, deposited with local banks, meet up the expenditure required for purchasing books, educational appliances and salary of teachers.

Mathematics, Bengali, English and Arabic are taught in these maktab with special importance and emphasis on keeping pace with the primary education curricula.

The Maktab Mission obtained government registration last

March has so far imparted training on sewing to more than 200 destitute women, most of them have got jobs in tailoring shops.

One hundred poultry farms were opened at initial cost of Tk 50 thousand. About 100 unemployed youths have been engaged in these farms who are now earning sufficient money to run their families.

Besides, the mission has undertaken family planning motivation programmes at union levels.

The mission has also introduced interest-free loan disbursement system in rural areas. About Tk 18,000 have been disbursed among destitute people and marginal farmers on long

term basis.

Maqana Abdus Sobhan, Chairman of Bangladesh Maktab Mission, told this Correspondent that his organisation has a plan to open maktab in all mosques of the country to provide Maktab education to all poor children and training unemployed rural people in income generating trades.