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Govt committed to eradicate illiteracy by 2000: Sircar

A delegation of the World Bank led by Mr Martin Karcher, chief of Population and Human Resources Division of the Asia region called on Education Minister Barrister Jaimiruddin Sircar at the latter's office in Dhaka, Saturday reports BSS.

The members of the delegation discussed various issues related to technical and vocational education and training system and non-formal education system of Bangladesh.

The Education Minister apprised the members of the delegation that the compulsory primary education programme has already been introduced in 68 thanas of 64 district in the first phase and the remaining thanas will be covered within five years to bring school aged children under umbrella of education.

He also pointed out that an integrated non-formal education project will be undertaken in 69 thanas of the country at an estimated cost of about Taka fifty crore. He said the present govern-

ment is committed to introduce mass education programme in a massive scale to eradicate illiteracy by the year 2000.

The members of the World Bank delegation stressed on community participation of NGOs in making mass education programme. They also showed keen interests in improvement of courses of vocational training and technical training centres of the country for generating effective employment opportunities of training manpower at home and abroad.

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