

Public, private steps for removing illiteracy stressed

A two-day conference on problems and remedy of primary and mass education concluded in Dhaka Monday at the International Conference Centre, reports BSS.

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar presided over the concluding session in which members of Planning Commission Mr. M Mokammel Haq, Additional Secretary in-charge of Primary and Mass Education Division, Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed, former Cabinet Secretary, Mr. M Mujibul Hoq and Dr. Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin also spoke.

Education Minister laid emphasis on better coordination and monitoring of the public and private initiatives for eradicating illiteracy from the country. He said the government is

committed to ensure education for all by the year 2000. Mosque-based education and satellite school programmes will help a lot to eradicate illiteracy of the rural masses, he added. He opined that the NGOs must come forward to supplement governmental programmes in the field of primary and mass education, a PID handout said.

Mr. M. Mokammel Haq observed that annual development programmes would fail to improve the socio-economic conditions of the people without spread and development of education.

He also underscored the need for inclusion and imparting of English at all levels.

Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed said the government has taken steps towards making primary and mass education programme pragmatic and successful.