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A school, a college in each thana will be nationalised

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar on Sunday told the Jatiya Sangsad that a school and a college in each thana would be nationalised in phases within the next two years, reports BSS.

Participating in the general discussion on the speech of President Abdur Rahman Biswas, Mr Sircar said the present government had given maximum emphasis on education as it was the mainstay of a nation.

He said that no government in the past had made so much effort to bring about a dynamic change in the education sector.

Listing various programmes of the government to spread education in the country, Barrister Sircar said that a primary school was being set up in each thana at a cost of Taka 4.20 lakh, one secondary school at a cost of Taka 10-12 lakh and an intermediate college at a cost of Taka 25 lakh.

He described this as a great achievement of the government, saying that such development in the education sector had not taken place since 1947.

The Education Minister told the Jatiya Sangsad that the government had taken some revolutionary steps for spreading education. He said, to make the programme for "education for all by 2000 AD" a success, the government had made primary education compulsory. He said besides to check drop-outs at the primary level Food-for-Education Programme had been launched in one union of the 460 thanas by the government. Under the programme one student will receive 15 kgs of rice per month, he said.

Mr Sircar said that one primary school would be set up within a radius of 2-1/2 kilometres in the country.

He said the government was also supplementing the Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) in their effort to spread education, particularly the mass education.

Regarding promotion of the college teachers, the Minister said about three to four thousand college teachers had got promotion in the colleges, which did not take place in the

past 18 years. Similarly, many vacant posts in the schools had been filled up through recruitment, he added.

Referring to the higher education, he said that four to five private universities have been opened where new subjects like computer science and business administration were being taught. He said a National University has also been opened.

The Minister also highlighted various developments that took place during the two-and-a-half-year rule of the present government. He thanked the President for giving a correct picture of society through his address to Parliament.