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## Sadek tells JS 676 teachers of varsities now staying abroad

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Education Minister AHSK Sadek on Thursday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that a total of 676 teachers of different universities are now staying abroad for higher education.

In reply to a question from treasury bench member Dharendra Nath Saha, the Education Minister said of the 676 teachers, 129 are from University of Dhaka, 76 of Rajshahi University, 52 of Chittagong University, 179 of Jahangirnagar University, 47 of Bangladesh Agriculture University, 115 of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, 25 of Khulna University, 14 of Islamic University, 35 of Shahjalal Science and Technology University and 5 of Bangladesh Open University.

Mr Sadek said authorities of these Universities appoint teachers temporarily against the posts fallen vacant due to study leave.

### FEMALE EDUCATION

The Education Minister also said the government has taken up a programme to make education in class eleven and twelve for female students free of tuition fees.

Mr Sadek, replying to a question from AL member Abdul Latif Mirza in the Jatiya Sangsad said a project, taken up at the directive of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, is now under consideration of the Planning Commission.

He said female education in class eleven and twelve would be made tuition-free, subject to approval and availability of funds.

### WOMEN'S VARSITY

Education Minister told the House that the government has no immediate plan to establish a women's university in the country.

The Minister made the disclosure while replying to a written question from Taslima Hossain (Jatiya Party-Pirojpur).

Replies to another question

from Taslima Hossain, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Dr. Mozammel Hossain said five day-care centres will be set up in the capital for the children of middle class women.

These centres will be set up at the Secretariat, Directorate of Women Affairs campus, Azimpur Officers Colony campus, Mirpur circle No 10 and Kamalapur area in next 1997-98 fiscal year, he said.

Dr Mozammel said there are 47 day-care centres in the country—22 centres in 22 districts, 13 centres in 13 thanas and 12 centres in six divisional towns.

The government has plans to set up 42 more day-care centres and the Establishment Ministry has already given approval to set up the centres in 42 districts, he said, adding the matter is awaiting approval from the Finance Ministry.

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