

## Literacy rate 24.3 per cent

By A Staff Reporter

The literacy rate in 1979-80 in the country was 24.3 per cent.

This was stated at the Jatiya Sangsad by Mr Abdul Baten, State Minister for Education on Wednesday in a written reply to a question from Ukil Shaha-dat Hossain Choudhury (BNP).

He further said that there were one crore 19 lakh 68 thousand children in the 5-9 year age group who were eligible to study at primary schools. The number of primary students during the same period was 82 lakh 36 thousand 526 studying at 43 thousand 936 primary schools. The number of primary teachers were one lakh 88 thousand 234.

Mr Abdul Baten while answering another question said that during the same period the number of high schools students (10-16 year age group) was one crore 47 lakh four thousand studying at 8 thousand 6 hundred 42 high schools of which 155 were Government schools. The number of high school teachers were 82 thousand 61, he said.