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Tk 120 cr for secondary school science education

From Our Special Correspondent

AHMADPUR (Feni), March 30: The Government has envisaged to spend Tk 120 crores for secondary school science education during the Third Five-Year Plan period.

Besides, the Government would also spend Tk 136 crores for technical education during the period. These were stated by Education Secretary Quazi Jalaluddin Ahmed here on Friday.

The Education Secretary was speaking as the chief guest at the annual prize-giving ceremony of the Nur Nabi High School. Presided over by Mr Nur Nabi Choudhury, founder and President of the Managing Committee of the school, the function was also address-

ed by the headmaster of the school Mr Amin Ahmed.

The Education Secretary said the Government was determined to enlarge and develop the science and technological education to help develop country's technical manpower. To this end, he said, the Government was encouraging technical education at all levels.

Quazi Jalaluddin Ahmed reiterated Government's keen interest to develop the primary education in the country. In this connection he referred to the second phase of universal primary education national programme, which was formally launched last week. He said that the Government had earmarked Tk. 535 crore in the TFYP for implementing the programme.

The Education Secretary also referred to the policy of the Government to encourage private initiatives in establishing new schools and the running the existing ones. He said that the country had at present 6,000 secondary schools, of which 5,800 were managed privately. He observed that the people's association with these schools would be lost if they were nationalised. He pointed to the

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Nur Nabi High School and said it was a best example of private initiative in efficiently managing a high school.

Mr Nur Nabi Choudhury called upon the Government to take up the Nur Nabi High School under the 'pilot school scheme' and sanction permanent Government grant to the school. He awarded eight students of the school each with Tk. 1,000

in cash who secured first division with letter marks in the last SSC examination. He said that such awards from his own fund would continue to encourage the students of the school to do good results in the coming examinations. Side by side, he said, his personal grant of cash and free books of the poor and meritorious students would continue as usual.