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12,000 primary teachers to be appointed soon

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The Government is considering to set up 3000 more primary schools in 68 upazilas to give further thrust to the compulsory primary education programme, according to highly placed government sources.

A total of 12000 teachers will be appointed for some seven lakh students in the new schools.

The sources said guardians will be 'encouraged' to enroll their children (aged 6 to 7) in the schools for a five-year course.

The government has already formed a vigilance team consisting of 36 officials to monitor the progress of the primary course. Besides, a number of committees with local administration will also be set up for the purpose.

The sources said some kind of 'inducement' has to be offered to achieve 100 percent enrollment rate in the course.

Nazmul Huda

BSS adds : Information Minister Nazmul Huda has called upon the people of all walks of life to extend cooperation for the successful implementation of the government's compulsory primary education programme.

He said the government of Prime Minister Begum Khleda Zia was implementing policies of productivity through compulsory primary education, removal of

illiteracy and mass education to make the country self-dependent.

The Information Minister was speaking as the chief guest at a discussion on compulsory primary education at Meghula-Malikanda School under Dohar thana of the district Thursday.

"The Prime task before the government is now to make the nation self-dependent economically through fulfilling their basic demands," the minister said.

Speaking about the government's initiative to spread education to all the villages, the minister said the government was now pursuing its efforts to raise the rate of literacy from the present 25 percent to 100 percent.

He sought united cooperation of students, teachers and guardians in this respect and called upon them not to be misled by, what he said, a certain quarter which was out to disrupt government's development programmes through conspiracy.

Mr Nazmul Huda said these quarters, as part of their design to destabilise the hard-earned democracy, were pursuing their evil activities like damaging transports and creating terrorism in the educational arena as well as in society.

He said they were also raising "unnecessary debate" at national level to hamper the welfare

programmes of the democratically elected government.

The Information Minister said, "Golam Azam is not a big issue before the nation," but, he added, those who want to make a character like Golam Azam a national personality are now presenting him as a big issue before the nation.

He said Bangladesh Nationalist Party, which came to power through a free and impartial election last year, would again go to the street, if necessary, to resist the conspirators with the help of the people.

"The conspirators are now afraid of the present government's welfare programmes, which may increase its popularity till the next election after their implementation," he said. Referring to a news item published in a section of press about blacklisting of some television performing artistes, he said it was completely baseless, untrue and motivated. "None has been blacklisted," he asserted.

Later the Information Minister inaugurated bus plying on the Meghula-Zinzira road, which has established a direct road communication between the capital Dohar thana.

He also saw the progress of work of the under-construction Sreenagar Bazar bridge.