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Powers vested with Upa-Zilla Parishads

The Government on Tuesday, announced an order decentralising the powers and functions relating to the management of primary education and vesting the education's management and administration with the Upazilla Parishads, reports BSS.

A notification of the Ministry of Education said the decentralisation was made in accordance with the provisions of the Upazilla Parishad and Upazilla Administration Reorganisation Ordinance 1982, which makes Upazilla Parishads responsible for primary education in the country.

With the announcement of the new order, the Primary Education Act 1981 stands 'obsolete' and the Upazilla Parishads will conduct the administration and management of the primary schools

as directed by the Government through executive orders. The notification however made it clear that all persons serving in Government primary schools as teachers and other employes 'shall continue to remain as the Government servants'.

A Primary Education Committee will be formed in each Upazilla to assist the Upazilla Parishad in its task of managing the primary education; the Chairman of the Upazilla Parishad will be the Chairman and Upazilla Education Officer will be the Member-Secretary of the 10-member Committee. The Upazilla Nirbahi Officer will be the Vice-Chairmen.

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