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Tk 18.5 cr for dress of Pfy. students

The amount of Taka eighteen and a half crore earmarked for the dress of students of primary schools will be spent to finance the project of universal primary education and development of primary schools in the country, during the next fiscal year, an official handout said in Dhaka on Thursday reports BSS.

The primary school students would not therefore be given dress free of cost as the fund would now be utilised for construction repairs, procurement of furniture and other facilities for education, providing better training to the students and overall development of the primary schools.

The handout said the concerned authorities had reviewed the project for providing dress to primary school children free of cost. Wastage of money, possible corruption and problems relating to the timely supply of the dress were identified as bottlenecks of the project.

On the other hand, desired result of the project could be achieved by giving stress on subjects of priority in the primary education system.

However, according to previous decision of the government an amount of Taka four crore was sanctioned for distribution of dress to the primary school children at the thana level throughout the country during 1980-81. But this did not bring the desired result.

Another amount of Taka twelve and a half crore was allocated during 1981-82 and 1982-83 for making dress for primary school students, the distribution of which is expected to be completed by the middle of the year.