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Upgraded thanas to run primary schools // Primary schools

MYMENSINGH, May 31: Government has decided to abolish the local education authorities and place the management of the primary schools under the upgraded thana administrations. Education Minister Dr. A. Majeed Khan announced here today, reports BSS.

The primary school teachers, the Minister said, will, however, retain their present status of Government service and the overall management of the primary schools will lie with the Ministry of Education.

Addressing a gathering of primary teachers at the public hall, Dr. Khan said the decision was taken in pursuance of the administrative decentralisation programme of the Government aimed at turning the thanas as the pivotal point of nation's overall developmental efforts.

The Education Minister gave a call to the teachers to extend their all-out cooperation for the implementation of the Government's programme to rehabilitate primary education and said the primary teachers will be involved in all programmes aimed at consolidating education system in the country.

Dr. Khan said the Government was also actively considering measures to assign more responsibilities to the primary head-

masters so that they can run their schools properly. The measures are also aimed at developing leadership qualities among the teachers for expansion of literacy and ensuring a congenial academic atmosphere in the campus.

Expressing the Government's firm determination to weed out all sorts of malpractices from the educational institutions and concerned offices and agencies, the Minister urged the primary teachers to come forward with concrete suggestions so that "the age-old differences between administrative machinery and teachers" can be done away with.

Dr. Khan said, the Government is determined to reorganise the entire education system by taking into consideration the experience, needs and abilities of the nation. He urged the primary teachers to contribute their mite "as it is the

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time for taking part in the movement for rehabilitating education in the country."

Stressing the need for associating the teachers more in designing the primary curriculum, the Minister said the experience of the teachers must be counted in this respect. "The books should be suitable for the students and acceptable to the teachers", he added.

Organised by the Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association's Mymensingh unit, the function, presided over by the President of the unit Mr. Hatem Ali, was also addressed by Shahazada Nurul Alam and Mr. Fazlur Rahman President and Secretary General of the Association. Director, Primary Education Dr. A. K. M. Obaidullah also addressed the function attended by about 800 primary teachers of the district.

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