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# 5000 primary teachers will be recruited

**SYLHET Oct. 12:—**A meeting of the Council of Ministers was held here this morning at the Circuit House with President Ziaur Rahman in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting is being held in a district town for greater understanding of the needs and sentiment of the people with particular stress towards taking local decisions considering local situations.

This is first Ministerial Council meeting in a district town and more such meetings are likely to follow in other district headquarters, official sources said.

The meeting, adjourned just

before the Jumma prayers, will resume its session later in the evening. The President and the members of the Cabinet also visited the mazar of Hazrat Shah Jalal where they offered their Jumma prayers.

In the morning session the Council of Ministers decided to permit filling up of the vacant posts of the primary teachers. There are more than five thousand posts of primary teachers lying vacant due to the general ban on filling up of vacant posts and also making fresh recruitments of III and IV Class employees including the primary teachers.

The decision was, however,

taken in partial relaxation of this ban.

The Council decided that 50 per cent of all posts of primary teachers were to be filled up by female teachers and the Ministry of Education was directed to take all necessary measures to achieve this target as quickly as possible.

The meeting also decided to expand the run-way of Sylhet Airport to enable it to handle Boeing jet aircraft.

In the afternoon, the President addressed a meeting of the BNP Steering Committee. He also addressed a gathering of elite of the town.