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Tech varsities in 12 greater dists planned

Education Minister A.S.H.K. Sadeq said on Thursday that the government has taken up a project to set up science and technology universities in 12 old greater district headquarters of the country, says BSS.

Replying to a call attention notice from Mizanur Rahman Mannu (AL-Dinajpur), the Education Minister told the Jatiya Sangsad that the Planning Commission has accepted the project and it is now waiting for approval of the ECNEC.

The project would be implemented in phases and north-west and south-west regions would be given priority, he said.

The Education Minister said the projected site for the universities are: Dinajpur, Rangpur, Tangail, Jessor, Barisal, Patuakhali, Pabna, Comilla, Noakhali, Faridpur, Bogra and Rangamati.

The government has decided to set up six science and technology universities in the first phase from 1997 to 2002. The project cost for the first phase is estimated at Taka 79.39 crore.