

## New education policy under study: Sircar

The government is preparing a new education policy so that the students after passing out could find self-employment from the next financial year. Education Minister, Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar informed the Jatiya Sangsad on Thursday, reports BSS.

In a written reply to a question from Sheikh Harunur Rashid (AL-Khulna), the Education Minister said that the new education policy would be prepared expanding the existing one and making it life-oriented. Technical subjects would be incorporated in it so that students passing out fail to get jobs could find self-employment opportunity.

### 45 BLIND GRADUATES

UNB adds: The number of blind graduates in the country is now 45. Social Welfare Minister Tariqul Islam said in parliament Thursday quoting National Blind Welfare Organisation.

In a written reply to Mohammad Abdus Shahid (AL) the Minister said a 10 per cent quota of government jobs was reserved for orphans and handicapped. He said he had requested all the ministries to implement the government decision.

The Minister told Abdul Awal Mia (AL) 1,889 mentally

retarded children were getting education in 23 institutions run in the private sector. Besides, a primary school is run by the government at Mirpur to impart education to such children.

Tariqul Islam said the government has given the Society for Care and Mentally Retarded Bangladesh a plot of land of point in Eskaton area and cash of Tk. 1.35 crore for setting up a national institute for mentally retarded children.