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Tech. schools at thanas planned

Government is preparing some schemes of setting up technical and agricultural schools at each thana, Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed said on Saturday.

He was talking to ENA at the airport prior to his departure for Colombo at the head of a four-member delegation to attend the fourth Regional Conference of Education Ministers beginning from July 24.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that the Government would soon launch a mass drive to set up adult education centres to eradicate illiteracy. Describing it as significant and gigantic task he said that he would discuss the issues with the Education Ministers of regional countries and representatives of UNESCO and UNICEF.

The Education Minister said that he would take up issues like universal primary education pro-people and production-oriented education system at the conference. The conference will also be apprised of the recent steps of the Government regarding education policy.

It may be mentioned that Bangladesh is participating for the first time in such conference sponsored by the UNESCO. It will be attended by the Education Ministers of 17 countries and the repre-

tatives of UNESCO, UNICEF and ESCAP.

The conference will discuss major issues of educational policies for the 1980s which include equal access to education, efficiency in education and mobilisation of all possible learning and financial resources, interlinking of education and productive work reform and renewal of education.

The other members of the delegation are: Mr. Kamaluddin Chowdhury, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Planning; Dr. A. M. Sharifuddin, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education and Mr. A. R. Chowdhury, of Education Ministry.