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4,000 secondary schools to be developed

SARISHABARI, Feb 22.—Planning Minister Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury has said about 4,000 secondary schools including 200 madrashas will be developed under the Secondary School's Development projects with special emphasis on science course during the Third Five-Year Plan, according to an official handout, reports BSS.

The enrolment of students at the secondary level is expected to increase by 2.67 lakh from 24.83 lakh to 27.50 lakh during the period, he said while addressing two separate gatherings at Baraipatal and Batikamari High School premises on Tuesday.

The Minister said, with a view to making our education system productive and realistic to meet the demand of the day vocation

al training and science courses have already been introduced. Mr. Chowdhury observed that education is the backbone of the nation and emphasised the need for giving suitable education to make them cadres of national development in the future.

He advised the students to dedicate themselves totally to studies and not to be misled by fake slogans and false assurances.

Expressing deep concern at the unsound financial positions of the schools, the Minister called upon the well-to-do people to help them overcome the financial problems.

Later the Planning Minister distributed prizes among the winners of annual sports of Balikamari High School.