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# Metric system from July '82

The Council of Ministers meeting at Bangabhalan on Friday with Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman in the chair approved a proposal for introduction of metric system of weights and measures in the country. The actual enforcement of the new system will begin in phases from July 1, 1982, according to an official source.

The council considered the recommendation of the committee on the introduction of a uniform minimum pay scale for the teachers of non-government educational institutions and enhanced government con-

tributions to the teachers' salary and approved the proposal in principle. The modalities and conditions for the implementation of the proposal are under examination and a decision in this respect will be taken soon.

The draft bill for foreign private investment protection was considered and approved by the council subject to legal scrutiny on a few points.

It was also decided that head offices of some departments and corporations would be shifted from Dacca to outlying districts. The movements of such offices would be carried out by the ministries concerned in phases.