

## Call to identify mass literacy bottlenecks

The National Council for Mass Literacy met in Dacca on Tuesday with Vice President Mr Justice Abdus Sattar in the chair to discuss various issues relating to spread of Mass literacy in the country reports BSS

The Council in its three-hour deliberations discussed in depth various problems on mass literacy and considered measures to remove the curse of illiteracy from the country at the earliest.

Addressing the meeting, the Vice-President underscored the urgency of eradicating illiteracy and pointed out that the bottlenecks standing in the way of mass literacy need to be identified.

Among those present at the meeting were Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed Labour and Industrial Welfare Minister Shah Azizur Rahman Home Minister Lt. Col. (Retd) Mus-tafizur Rahman Women Affairs Minister Dr. Mrs. Amina Rahman Information and Broadcasting Minister Mr. Habibul-lah Khan and Agriculture Minister Mr. Azizul Huq.

Persons connected with adult education and mass literacy including Mr. Alamgir Kabir Mr. Zafarullah Mrs. Ayesha Abed Mr. M.A. Quddus and Mr. M.A. Khaled explained their views in the meeting.

The next meeting of the National Council for Mass Literacy will be held on October 2.

valuable opinions which will help in formulating the interim education policy of the country

The subject matters of the workshop are general problems of education primary education vocational and technical education secondary madrasa and higher education non formal education and relationship between education and development. Discussions will also be held on education environment students welfare and other relevant fields.

Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed and President of the National Education Advisory Parishad presided over Tuesday's session.

The working paper included a number of important points on the different topics of discussion so that the participants can present their opinions more precisely.

Conveners of different subject committees also presented their preliminary reports at Tuesday's session.

In reply to a question Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that though the report of the Education Commission headed by late Dr. Qudrat-e-Khuda was not launched formally but it was not rejected altogether. He said that many of the recommendations were adopted and the National Curriculum Committee was formed on the basis of that report.

### Education working paper adopted

Another report says:—The National Education Advisory Parishad in its 6th session on Tuesday discussed the draft of the working paper of the "Education Workshop" and adopted it after necessary additional alteration and correction.

President Ziaur Rahman will inaugurate the workshop on September 14 where participants from the different parts of the country will place their