

Literacy plan for 1 cr. people this year

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Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman called upon the education officials connected with the mass education programme on Wednesday to involve the elected representatives of local bodies more and more in the literacy programme to make it a total success. If the elected representatives are given more power, they would be more responsible and also accountable, he added.

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Rahman who is also in charge of the Ministry of Education was addressing a conference of education officials connected with mass education programme at the Education Extension Centre on the day.

Among others, Mr. Abdul Baten, State Minister for Education, Kazi Fazlur Rahman, Secretary, Ministry of Education and Dr. M. Selim, also addressed the conference.

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Rahman while explaining the purpose of the programme said functional literacy for simple reading, writing and calculation would be imparted to one crore people by the end of this year. Reminding the officials of their great responsibility he said they would require to undertake extensive tours from time to time for assessment of the progress of the programme.

About 100 educational officials including Additional Deputy Commissioners (ADC's Mas Literacy), District Education Officers and District Inspectors of Schools participated in the conference. The conference was held to review action plans and progress of the literacy campaign.

The Prime Minister said the officials would have to work with missionary zeal to make the programme a success. Giving details of the government measures to supply the primers already published, the Prime Minister said the chairmen of Union Parishads would be directly responsible for their distribution. He said the people would have to be motivated through the Members of the Union Parishads.

Mr. Abdul Baten said change in attitude is important for success of any peaceful revolutionary programme of the Government. No realistic step was taken in the past for mass literacy, he regretted and added there were only seminars and symposia in this regard which produced no tangible results. The ultimate development of the country depends on the success of this programme, he said.