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Plan to open 4080 mass literacy centres taken up

The government has undertaken a programme of mass literacy through opening 4080 centres throughout the country, State Minister for Education Principal Yunus Khan told the Jatiya Sangsad today, reports BSS.

Making a statement in reply to a resolution moved by Dr Mozammel Hossain (Al-Bagerhat), the State Minister said the present government had started implementation of Compulsory Primary Education law in one upazila each in 46 districts from January 1 last.

He, however, told the Sangsad that the government had no plans for nationalisation of the non-government primary schools which had been given registration under the Fourth Five-Year Plan. There is no budgetary provision for the purpose, he said.

The State Minister said there were 37,647 government primary schools and 9,488 non-government primary schools, in the country. Of the total non-government primary schools 6441 had been given registration. He said a total of 3047 non-government primary schools had been given registration in 1991.

Refuting the claims made by that opposition members that the government was not sincere in fulfilling the constitutional obligation of introducing compulsory universal primary education. He said the present BNP government had played a greater role in this respect compared to any government in the past.

The present government had introduced realistic programmes aimed at eradication of illiteracy from the country.