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59 projects in education, religious sectors in '89-'90

DHAKA June 22 (BSS): Fifty nine projects at a cost of Taka 368.03 crore will be implemented in the Education and Religion sectors in the fiscal 1989-90, according to the Annual Development Programme (ADP).

Forty-nine of the projects will be implemented by the Education Ministry including 14 projects under its Technical Cooperation programme, eight by the Religious Affairs Ministry and one by the Defence Ministry. 59.12 per cent of the development allocation will be spent for Primary Education 19.38 per cent for Secondary and Higher Education, 9.82 for Technical Education, 5.68 per cent for University Education and 2.17 per cent for the projects under the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Under the Universal Pri-

mary Education Programme during 1989-90, a total of 140 lakh sets of text books will be distributed free of cost, new class rooms will be built in 695 schools and 198, 723 pairs of desks, 31,281 chairs and 31,281 tables, will be supplied. Besides, 194,564 teachers and education officers will be given training on administration and management of primary education.

For raising the standard of Secondary education, improved scientific laboratories will be set up in 65 secondary schools, science education centres will be set up in nine Teachers Training Colleges and scientific equipment will be supplied to 2,000 schools.

At different stages of general and technical education 114,959 scholarships and stipends with Taka 10.50 crore will be given to the students during 1989-90.

The projects under the Religious Affairs Ministry include mosque library project, collection of books for the Islamic Foundation library, compilation & publication of Islamic encyclopaedia in Bengali, development of the Islamic Foundation Press, Imam Training Programme, and establishment of Haji camp at Tongi in Dhaka.