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### Girl students urged to avail opportunity of stipend programme

NARASINGDI, Oct 31: The Minister of State for Planning, Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan, Sunday called upon female students to avail themselves of the opportunity of the Taka 400 crore stipend programme, initiated for them at secondary and higher secondary levels by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, says BSS.

The State Minister was distributing stipend money among the students of Panchdona High School and Alpara High School.

He said that the present democratic government was aware of the socio-economic condition of the people. So the government has undertaken the stipend programme to help the poor parents in providing education to their daughters.

The state minister also distributed sanitary latrines free of cost among the distressed families of Panchadona, Meharpara, Aindia Union Parishads of Sadar thana of the district.

Originally Taka 500 was allotted for each of the distressed families in Narasingdi as gratuitous relief. But since it appeared that Taka 500 would not provide a permanent solution to the problems of the distressed families, the State Minister for Planning directed the district administration to distribute sanitary latrine instead of cash money. Building permanent infrastructure with gratuitous relief money would remain as gearing example in Bangladesh, Dr Khan said.