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Evaluation body report on education policy

Need for inculcating human qualities in students stressed

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The report of the evaluation committee on national education policy, stressed the need for inculcating human qualities in the students and help develop their fundamental skills particularly on basic science and commerce subjects so that they could contribute a lot to the country after finishing the primary education.

The report of the Education Sector Evaluation, Implementation and Financing Committee, which is likely to be placed before the cabinet soon for approval, has also given importance on the expansion of education and upgradation of its quality.

The committee in its report suggested the authorities to make primary level education from class one (I) to class eight (VIII) and the secondary level from class eight (VIII) to class twelve (XII) changing the existing Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC). It said if any student completes primary level he or she will gain basic knowledge and be able to contribute a lot to the development of the country. Special emphasis will be given on vocational and other sub-

jects related to economy and commerce.

The report also suggested to give importance on non-formal education to check dropout of students at the primary level.

For the Madrasah education, it recommended introduction of basic science and commerce subjects in addition to religious subjects. The report particularly stressed the need for giving importance on the relig-

ious subjects to build moral character of the students.

It has also put emphasis on English as second language saying that in the era of globalisation there is no option but to learn this international language to be worthy citizens of the country. The report strongly recommended to expand the base of women literacy and education.

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The report also laid stress on the enhancement of facilities required for the quality education. Imparting modern training for the teachers at all levels has also been suggested in the report by the committee. The report recommended increase the period of degree education from the present two years to three years and masters from one year to two years. It also proposed to introduce grading system instead of the existing marking system in the public examinations.

The report of the committee on education policy further recommended to make the present education system uniform and effective. The education policy will be flexible to help a learner switch over to any group like science, arts or commerce whichever suits him or her on completion of their primary education.

The policy also said that ordinary people would be brought under the education system particularly at primary and secondary level by involving them in the management process.

Talking to The Bangladesh Observer prominent educationist and one of the members of the Evaluation, Implementation and Financing committee, Dr. Quazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmed said the government has formed the committee to develop and adopt an overall education policy framework for the education sector.

He said the six-member committee has made on the report on the basis of the draft national education policy prepared by the national committee headed by Prof. Shamsul Haq.

It also suggested a period of 12-year long programme to implement the report of the committee. Dr. Ahmed said a big amount of money would be required to implement the recommendations of the committee. "Since it is an important national issue the money should be made available by revising the present budgetary system and obtaining foreign aid", he said.