

# Directive to use Bangla in offices, courts

The Government on Sunday issued a directive for the use of Bangla in offices and courts says BSS.

This directive issued by the Bengali Language Implementation Cell of the Ministry of Establishment and Reorganisation will be effective from February 12 (Sunday).

The directive said that it will be deemed as an act of misconduct if any officer or employee does not use Bangla in the cases where no provision of English has been made. The eagerness of the concerned official or employee for the use of Bangla and the question of efficiency will be mentioned in the Annual Confidential Report, it said.

The directive said that after the emergence of Bangladesh directive had been issued to use Bangla in all spheres of official work. But that directive was not implemented in all spheres due to some practical difficulties. The Bangla Language Implementation Cell of the Ministry of Establishment and Reorganisation has identified the obstacles in the

use of Bangla and chalked out steps to overcome them to carry out the Government's declared policy.

It further said that information had been gathered from each Ministry and Division through the circulation of questionnaire and the Cell held meeting with all the ministries and divisions to identify the problems in the use of Bangla and take measures to remove them. The programme to eliminate the problems was taken after detailed discussion, it added.

Under the programme, it has been decided to do bulk of the work in Bangla from now on. Instruction has been issued to translate the ordinance, laws and rules in Bangla within the specified time.

It further said that necessary typewriters will be procured and the typists, steno typists and writers will be given training in Bangla. Their training will have to be completed within six months to 18 months in phases. Bangla will have to be used in the inter-ministerial and internal communications. All communications with foreign missions and officials will also have to be made in Bangla, it said.