

10 regional centres for Open Varsity

## Govt college, school for each thana having none

By A Staff Reporter

Education Minister Barrister Jamir Uddin Sircar Tuesday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that the government had decided to nationalise one college and one high school in each of the thanas which did not have any government college and school.

Replying to a question from Jatiya Party Member Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury, the Education Minister said the government was preparing a list of 100 to 150 thanas where the nationalisation programme would be taken up this year. He said efforts would be made to complete the process of nationalisation over a period of three years.

The question of nationalisation of schools and colleges evoked special interest among the Members and a large number of Members, belonging to both Treasury and Opposition benches, tried to get the floor to for supplementaries.

### OPEN UNIVERSITY

The Education Minister replying to a question from

Awami League Member AKM. Jahangir Hossain said that the main campus of the proposed Open University will be located at the abandoned premises of Islamic University at Gazipur. He said the university will have 10 regional centres all over the country. Besides, 81 study centres would be established at existing schools and colleges.

The Minister said the university would have a Vice-Chancellor, more than one Pro-Vice Chancellor, 10 regional directors, professors experts, departmental heads and officials.

Replying to a supplementary question, Barrister Sircar indicated that the proposed university might be named after Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, provided the sangsad approved it. He said the name has not been finalised and the issue will be discussed in the House.

The Education Minister said a bill for the establishment of open university is likely to be introduced during current budget session of the Jatiya Sangsad.

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