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Govt to spend Tk 295 cr for Madrasha edn.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman said the government will spend Taka 295 crore this year for the over-all development and expansion of the country's madrasa education, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the extension work of the multi-storied Sobhanbag Masjid and Madrasa Complex here, the minister said the government spent Taka 269 crore last year for the madrasa education. Besides, the government included 5,978 new madrasas in the list of MPO (monthly financial assistance) till June, 1998.

He said the present government for the first time introduced the mosque-based poverty alleviation programme.

The government has also set up training centre for the madrasa teachers and the examination system of Madrasa Education Board has been computerised for the first time.

Mr. Zillur Rahman said Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman established the Islamic Foundation for research on Islam.

He said the people have rejected the propaganda of certain vested quarters against the government involving the madrasa education. The evil designs of these quarters have been proved false, the minister said.