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Govt brings 1,600 new institutions under MPO

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DESPITE financial constraints, the government would bring 1,600 new educational institutions under the auspices of the Monthly Payment Order, raising the previously decided number of 1000.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid said this at the parliament while taking part in a discussion on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

'The newly framed education policy would be placed in the parliament

very soon,' the minister said, adding the policy prepared after extensive consultations with cross sections of people would be acceptable to all the political parties and professional groups.

The minister said the new education policy would open a new vista for building a modern, skilled manpower based on science and technology, impossible in the past due to a vicious circle surrounding the education system since independence, he said.

Nahid hoped the new education policy would be

a useful tool to put in place a modern, standard and well-timed education system in the country to bring changes to the existing social structure.

Referring to the previous six education policies announced by the governments after independence, the minister said 'this is for the first time that the government has accommodated opinions of the cross sections of people in the education policy.'

'Two former education ministers have already appreciated our efforts in formulating a education

policy that has put importance on modernising madrasa education to build madrasa students as efficient manpower,' Nahid said.

He said the enrolment of students at primary schools saw a rise of 16.5 per cent this year owing to the timely and free distribution of books.

The minister also highlighted the government's plan for the development of technical and vocational education system, saying the country would observe 'vocational education week' next week to encourage the students.