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Committee on Inclusion of Educational Institutions in the MPO List, led by Dr Alauddin Ahmed, hands over a report to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her secretariat office in the city yesterday.

PM for free education at all levels

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said education at all levels in the country should be free as investment in education is the best investment.

She made the remark when the committee on the monthly payment order (MPO) handed over a report in this regard to the prime minister at her office at Bangladesh Secretariat in the afternoon.

The prime minister also directed the authorities concerned for ensuring balanced distribution of government's MPOs among the country's educational institutions.

She said the government is firmly committed to fulfilling its election pledges for making

education free up to the degree level.

She said the last Awami League government had been successful to take the country's literacy rate up to 65 percent from 45 percent, but after that the last BNP-Jamaat government only could bring it down with their limitless negligence.

"Now we're again putting in our best efforts for raising the country's literacy rate because we believe development cannot be expected without education," she said.

Committee Chairman and Adviser to the Prime Minister Alauddin Ahmed handed over the report to the PM while its members Rashed Khan Menon MP, Shah Alam MP and President of Banglad

College Teachers' Association Principal Kazi Faruq Ahmed were present.

Later, Adviser Alauddin who led another committee for reviewing job merits of those government employees who were sacked and harassed from July 18, 2001 to October 2006 handed over its report to the prime minister at her secretariat office.

Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Abul Kalam Azad briefed journalists after the events.