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Manage primary education properly : Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said in Dhaka on Saturday that proper management was a must for attaining desired success in the field of Primary Education in the country, reports BSS.

"It is often seen that due to managerial deficiency the whole programme is adversely affected and mainly due to this drawback, desired success in this field could not be achieved in the past," Begum Zia said while addressing the Dhaka Divisional Review Meeting of the Primary and Mass Education Programme at Osmar Memorial Hall.

Begum Zia said "We have to remember, failure to educate today's children will only increase the burden of the posterity. Our duty will not only be to reduce that burden but also to eliminate it altogether."

The Prime Minister said at first it should be comprehended for whom the education is really meant. She said direct participation of majority of the masses had to be ensured to achieve the target of the edu-

tion for all. Towards this end aggressive motivational campaign and creation of mass awareness were required, she said, adding only then the efforts would be crowned with success.

Begum Zia said the teaching community was the life blood of the education system. Success of education primarily depended on them which was more true in the case of implementation of the Primary Education Programme, she said.

The Prime Minister under-

lined the need for accountability and responsibility in the educational arena.

Begum Zia said emphasis had to be placed on teachers' training. In the changed circumstances their attitude and outlook would have to be adjusted with the demands of the society, she said, adding the field level officials had much greater responsibility in this respect. They should undertake regular supervision and monitoring of the programme.

Begum Zia said the problems

in the education sector had to be identified and their solutions found. The tendency to shift responsibility must be shunned, she added.

The Prime Minister said, education is a fundamental human right and her government wants to ensure that right for the people of the country. She pointed out that a "Food for Education Programme" had been introduced to create opportunities of education for all and provide equal scope for children coming from the poor and destitute families to receive education.

Identifying drop-out as a problem in the primary education, the Prime Minister said if Primary Education Programme were to be made a success effective remedy to check drop out would have to be found.

The Prime Minister said it had been found that the number of girl students increased when female teachers were posted. So, Begum Zia said, while selecting primary school teachers we should give preference to female candidates.

She said the non-governmental organisations had also been making contribution towards enhancing literacy rate, especially through mass-education programmes. They now have the ample scope to come for

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ward in today's perspective.

Begum Zia said the review meeting, being participated by the all levels of persons involved in the primary education system, would have to evaluate how far the country had been able to advance.

The function was also addressed by Information Minister Nazmul Huda, who is also the Coordinator of Dhaka District Development, Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Badur Rahman and Primary and Mass Literacy Education Division Secretary Kazi Raqibuddin Ahmed.