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### Vocational training to be introduced in non-govt schools

Education Minister ASHK Sadique on Tuesday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the government has plans to introduce vocational training programme in 500 non-government schools in the country, reports BSS.

Replying to a private member's resolution moved by BNP member Zafrul Islam Chowdhury (Chittagong) for setting up one full-fledged technical institution at Banskhali Thanas, the Education Minister said one of the non-government schools in Banskhali would be taken up under the vocational training programme in the coming financial year.

Mr Chowdhury withdrew his resolution on the assurance given by the Education Minister that all the thana, including Banskhali, would be covered under the technical and vocational education programme in phases.

Earlier supporting the resolution, Moshiur Rahman (BNP Jhenaidah), Gazi Mohammad

Shahjahan (BNP-Chittagong), Prof Shahidul Islam (BNP-Kushtia), Mohammad Shahidul Islam (BNP-Jhenaidah), Mohammad Fazlul Azim (BNP-Noakhali), Abu Nasar Mohammad Ehsanul Huq (BNP-Chandpur), Shamsur Rahman Sharif (AL-Pabna), Nurul Amin Talukder (BNP-Netrokona), Abdul Latif Mirza (AL-Sirajganj) and Haji Mohammad Selim (AL-Dhaka) also demanded setting up similar full-pledged technical institutions in their respective constituency.

The Education Minister said the present government attaches due importance to the expansion and promotion of vocational and technical education so that the vast number of unemployed youths could find gainful self-employment.

He said at present there are 51 vocational training centres and 20 polytechnic institutions in the country and added that 13 more vocational training centres and 44 more polytechnic institutions would be set up.