

## Interim education policy within stipulated time

KULaura (Sylhet), Oct. 9: Education Minister Kazi Jafar Ahmed said here on Sunday that the interim people-oriented education policy would be announced within the stipulated three months' time, reports BSS.

Addressing a big public meeting at the local dak-bungalow ground this afternoon, he said, we would have to wage a war against the curse of illiteracy to implement an education policy reflecting the aspiration of the students and the people.

The Minister said, our introduced by the colonial rulers is responsible for creating unemployment in the country. He said, out of one and a half crore primary school going-children, only 85 lakh get themselves admitted into the secondary schools, out of which only 35,000 can read upto degree level. Only six to seven thousands get the degrees and only a few hundreds get employment, the Education Minister said.

Kazi Jafar said all of our

plans and development programmes would be an exercise in futile if we could not recast our education system into a production-oriented one. Because it was the basic need and guideline of our society.

He said the primary education must be made universal, free, compulsory and expenses must be reduced and brought within the capacity of the commonman. He said disparity in the spheres of education must go. There must be one uniform system of education for the poor and the rich alike, he added.

Dwelling on politics, he said that people had voted Jatiyatabadi Dal candidate Ziaur Rahman to power in the June 3 presidential elections giving him the mandate to implement the front programme.

The United People's Party, Kazi Jafar said, has joined the Front and the Government to implement the programme as given to the people before the presidential elections. UPP will remain true to the manifesto and programmes of the Front.