51 pvt varsities in the country: Nahid

Steps taken to develop standard of education

Education Minister Nurul Islam Naheed on Wednesday said the government has taken different steps for the development of stan- dard of higher education, reports BSS.

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Jatiya Sangsad Awami League lawmaker from Naogaon-2, Mohammad Shahiduzzaman, the education minister said there are 51 private universities in the country and the government has promulgated the Private University Ordinance-2008 with a view to ensuring quality and time-befitting higher education in the private universities.

Naheed said the University Grants Commission (UGC) has made necessary recommendation to the government to ensure a permanent institutional system to review and evaluate regularly the standard of higher education in the private universities by the UGC.

On the basis of the recommendations, he said, the draft rules of the Accreditation Council has been formulated. "The draft rules of Accreditation Council is under consideration of the government for approval of proper authorities." he added.

To another question raised by Mohammad Mojibul Haque (Kishoreganj-3), the education minister said there are 26,337 higher and above level educational institutions, 19,682 registered primary schools and 3,169 community primary schools under monthly payment order (MPO) in the country.

He said the government would take action if any allegation regarding illegal inclusion of educational institutions under MPO during the past government is found.

In reply to another question from ABM Ruhul Amin Howlader (Barisal-6), the education minister said the repair work of 112 educational institutions which were damaged in Bakerganj by the cyclone Sidr in 2007 was completed.

Naheed said the issue of giving salary and allowances to the teachers of community primary schools in the same scale of registered non-government primary schools is under active consideration of the government.