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## Education system to be recast

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The government has launched a massive programme to recast education system, aiming to develop human resource and absorb a workforce of five crore in the job market over the next 10 years.

Education ministry officials told BSS yesterday that the national education policy will be based on the concept of facing the challenges of globalisation.

They said a task force has already been formed to prepare a National Plan of Action to attain the objectives of developing skilled human resources.

The Education Reform Committee is also working to put forward recommendations to streamline the education sector.

By the year 2015, the number of school-going boys and girls will go up to 3.5 crore while the number of students in higher level will cross the 1.5 crore-mark, the offi-

cial said.

Referring to the deterioration of quality in education, they said the Ministry of Education would suggest allocation of at least 5 per cent from the Gross National Products (GNP) for the education sector on priority basis by 2005.

According to a study report, Tk. 2200 crore was being spent every year on the education sector, while the average rate of pass in the HSC level was only 30 per cent.

"We have to find out ways and means to stop such misuse of national resources," said the official, adding that only 15 to 20 per cent learners are getting the scope for higher education in the conventional system.

The officials said the government has attached the highest priority to introduction of vocational and business management courses in SSC and HSC levels, apart from enriching the engineering education.