



Musharraf says in JS

**Illiteracy rate
now 35 pc**

Minister in-charge of Primary and Mass Education in Parliament Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain on Thursday said that the rate of illiteracy in Bangladesh was now 35 per cent, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Prof. Shahidul Islam of BNP from Kusthia in the Jatiya Sangsad, he said male and female illiteracy were not separately calculated.

"The government has undertaken plans and programs to free the country from the curse of illiteracy," the minister said adding that a project called Total Literacy Movement (TIM) had been in force all over the country to that effect.

He said this project was being implemented under the supervision of Deputy Commissioners and with the involvement of all sections of the people including government and non-government organizations, voluntary organizations and public representatives.