

Primary education a constitutional obligation : PM

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman said in Dacca on Thursday that the primary education was a constitutional obligation which the government was determined to fulfil, reports BSS.

He said, more than 80 per cent of the proposed total expenditure in the education sector under the Second Five Year Plan had been earmarked for the primary education.

The Prime Minister was inaugurating the first orientation workshop for key project personnel of the primary education (IDA) project.

Presided over by Dr Mohamad Selim, Educational Adviser of the Education Ministry, the function was addressed by Prof Abdul Baten, State Minister for Education, and Mr J. K. Huntington Chief Technical Adviser of the UNESCO.

Shah Aziz said that the curriculum and syllabus of the primary education were being re-oriented to suit the needs and requirements of the society.

Shah Aziz said that a teachers' training programme was being undertaken to improve the standard of teaching and to create in them a greater sense of responsibility.

He said that primary education would be universal, free and compulsory under the plan period. 'For every poor student we plan to provide free text-books and uniforms for girl students', he added.

The Prime Minister expres-

sed his deep appreciation for the help and assistance rendered by the World Bank and the UNESCO for the development of education in Bangladesh.

Welcoming the foreign guest who had come here to participate in the workshop he hoped that deliberations in the workshop would be educative and productive.