

# Tech. edn. to be developed: PM

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman said in Dacca on Monday that the Government was seriously committed to the rapid development of technical education in the country, reports BSS.

He said that updating of curriculum and development of skill level of technical institute teachers were the pre-requisites for a meaningful and efficient technical education.

The Prime Minister was inaugurating the third course for polytechnic teachers, conducted jointly by the Bangladesh Government and the Colombo Plan Staff College of Singapore at the Dacca Polytechnic Institute auditorium. The function was presided over by Kazi Fazlur Rahman Secretary of the Education Ministry.

Shah Aziz said that the Government had decided to set up community schools in each thana where vocational and formal education would be imparted.

He stressed the need for a thorough change in the age old colonial education system and said now time had come to go for technical, scientific and vocational education to meet the requirements of the modern age of science and technology.

Shah Aziz pointed out that imparting vocational and technical education to the rural people would enable them to contribute to the development efforts of the nation.

Referring to the shortage of teachers in the Technical education institutions, the Prime Minister said, 'This nation can not offer the technical people

emoluments what the rich countries have been offering them'. But he observed one could surely get intellectual satisfaction for one's noble contribution to the younger generation and thus to the building of the nation.

Shah Aziz noted with satisfaction that there were still many sacrificing teachers who had been keeping these technical education institutions running.

He said that the Government would do everything possible within its resources to improve the lot of these dedicated teachers.

The Prime Minister expressed the hope that third country course would contribute immensely to the end of achieving the essential pre-requisites for a meaningful and efficient technical education.

He said that this course would simultaneously achieve two major aims, one to develop objective based first year course of diploma engineering curriculum and two, to help develop knowledge and skill of relevant teachers.