



### New system of secondary level exams from '89

Education Flood Control, Irrigation and Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud, said on Friday that the Government has decided to change the present examination system at the secondary school level to judge the talent and merits of the students and check the existing trend of adopting unfair means at the examinations, reports BSS.

The Minister was inaugurating a two-day national conference of the BCS General Education Association at the Teachers Training College auditorium in Dhaka on Friday.

Presided over by Mrs. Rashida Begum, President of the Association, the conference was also addressed by Education Secretary Hedayet Ahmed, Director General of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate, Dr. A.H.M. Karim and General Secretary of the Association, Nazrul Islam Majumdar.

Mr. Mahmud said the new system would be introduced in 1989 from class eight where an examinee is to answer 60 per cent objective and 40 per cent written questions, the examinee will have to secure pass marks in both part, he added.

He said the system would be applied to the S.S.C. Examination from 1992. He said this system would deter the students from adopting unfair means.

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Mr. Anisul Islam Mahmud said that examination centres for the coming S.S.C. Examination would be announced in December so that examinees get three months time to find out accommodations in case of their centres were far away from their residences.

He said the Ministry was going to adopt more stronger measures to do away with corrupt practices in the examination halls. He said henceforth a student would have to submit his original marksheet to the college where he was admitted.

The Minister noted with concern about the recent incidents at the Degree examination and said this would bring no good to the country, and the people.

He said the Government would also take measure to stop the financial support of the newly set up educational institutions failed to prove their worth. "We will see the percentage of success and not mere the volume of students being sent up for examinations," he added.

### Two affiliated varsities planned

The Education Minister announced that Government was expected to set up two affiliated universities in northern and southern regions of the country to ease the official activities of the already established universities. Besides, setting up of an open university is also under active consideration of the present Government.

Referring to the introduction of English language, the Minister said that the Government would not oppose to setting up of any English medium school in the country at the private initiatives.

About 1200 representatives, of the Association from four divisions attended Friday's conference.