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## 13 polytech instts to be set up this FY: Zillur

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman on Thursday said the government has taken up some new programmes for economic development and reducing unemployment by spreading scientific, technical and vocational education in the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing a two-day national representative conference '97 of the diploma engineers in Dhaka.

He said the government would establish 13 polytechnic institutes including three for women in the current fiscal.

Moreover, under the Fifth Five-Year Plan polytechnic institutes will be built in every district headquarter, he added.

The Minister said the unplanned infrastructural development during the last two decades created a lot of problems, side by side, destroyed a huge amount of national resources including foreign aid.

Now people want to get rid of the curse of unplanned development, he added.

The conference was also addressed, among others, by President of the Institute of Diploma Engineers Rafiqul Islam Bhuiya, General Secretary AKMA Hamid and M Mozammel Haque.

Mr Zillur Rahman said the present government has adopted the right approach for formulating national development plans and for their implementation on the basis of consensus among the political parties, intellectuals, journalists and other professional organisations.

He said the infrastructural development plans should be formulated by taking a long term view so that people of generations could enjoy their benefit. At present the environment aspect should also be taken into consideration, he added.

He called upon the engineers, architects and planners to help formulate sustainable development plans for the welfare of the people.