



Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt. General H.M. Ershad inaugurating the "computerised system of educational administration and management" in Dhaka on Wednesday.

Help spread literacy : Ershad

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The Chief Martial Law Administrator Lt. General H.M. Ershad, on Wednesday expressed concern over high percentage of dropout of students after primary level in the country and stressed the need for immediate practical and effective measures to check this trend. He added that the Government was aware of the situation and different steps in this regard were being taken.

The CMLA was inaugurating the "computerised system of education administration and management" at the Bangladesh Educational Information and Statistical Bureau of Ministry of Education at Plassey.

General Ershad said that there are about one crore 25 lakh children in the country of the age of getting primary education. But 39 lakh do not at all go to school and 80 per cent of those who attend primary schools dropout after completion of primary education.

The CMLA further said that under the Government policy of decentralisation of administration primary education has already been vested with the Upazila level. He observed that Government efforts were not sufficient for spreading primary education and stressed the need for cooperation of the guardians and people in this regard.

He also said that Government was keen to introduce productive education according to need bringing a qualitative change in primary, secondary and higher education with the increase in number of students in these levels. The CMLA

added that Government was working on different reforms in this regard.

He hoped that use of computer would help in implementation of plans and evaluation in the field of educational development. He emphasised the need for use of computer for proper information and data in planning and proper administration of education. The introduction of computer in this sector was a welcome step he said.

General Ershad noted that introduction of computer collection, preservation and evolution of data on about one crore 25 lakh students, teachers and those connected with administration of education would be possible. He also expressed satisfaction that measures have been taken to procure information on about 12500 recognised private secondary schools, colleges and madrasas, bio data of more than one lakh fifty thousand teachers in those institutions and preparation of their pay slips. He thanked the officials of the bureau for this step. The CMLA went

round different sections of the bureau.

BSS, adds: the function was also addressed by the Minister for Education, Dr A. Majeed Khan. Ministers and senior civil and military officials were among others present on the occasion.

Welcoming General Ershad, the Education Minister Dr. Majeed Khan said, the introduction of use of computer in the educational administration and management was "the most significant event" in the sphere of education.

Computerised administrative mechanism will help the Government to streamline "overwhelming task" of disbursing Government contribution to the salary of more than two lakh teachers and employees of non-government educational institutions, the Minister said.

Dr. Khan said use of computer in educational administration would also help the government to rationalise the administrative apparatus for managing the state-run primary schools and about one lakh 85 thousand primary teachers throughout the country.

The Education Minister ruled out "popular allegation" that use of computer would replace men by machine, and added that introduction of the machine would not only help us streamline the administrative methodology but also open up newer opportunities for employment of educated and qualified people.

Dr. Khan emphasised that to meet the present day problems of administration, use of computerised devices and modern methodologies was an unavoidable need.