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2 computer projects for schools, colleges

Minister for Commerce and Industries Tofail Ahmed on Monday said the Ministry of Education had undertaken two projects for introducing computer courses in selected government colleges and high schools in the country, reports BSS.

Replying to a question in the Jatiya Sangsad from Sheikh Md. Nural Huq of Awami League from Khulna, he said a total of 154 colleges and 1,400 high schools had been brought under these two projects for introducing computer courses in phases.

The Minister said computer courses had already been introduced in 25 government colleges during 1996-97 fiscal year and in 31 government colleges during the current fiscal (1998-99).

"There is no plan at present for introducing computer courses in madrasas," he told the questioner.

Replying to another question from Alhaj K.M. Abdul Khaleque Chantu of BNP from Kushtia, Mr. Tofail Ahmed in ab-

sence of the Education Minister in parliament said that 23 primary schools out of the total 33 and nine madrasas out of the total 13 were brought into projects for development in Kushtia district till June last year.

Replying to a question from Md. Mostafizur Rahman (Fizu) of Awami League from Dinajpur, the Minister said that the University of Science and Technology as committed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina would be established in Dinajpur within the year 2002.