

Questionnaire on education issued

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The Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs, Sports and Cultural Affairs has prepared a five-tier questionnaire on reorganisation and reform of country's education system of elicit public opinion.

The printed questionnaire will be available at all divisional, district, thana and sub-divisional offices. Besides, interested persons may contact the Director General National Institute of Educational Administration Extension and Research (NIEAER), Dhanmandi, Dhaka-5.

The questionnaire in its introduction has highlighted the uselessness of the present education system and its utter failure in creating an effective manpower for agriculture, industry, science and technology to build a new society in a developing country. The questionnaire pointed out that the defects in the present education system, had led to alarming decline in the number of students from primary up to the higher level.

It also said that the country's future would be uncertain if an education system compatible to changing social needs could not be evolved.

The five-tier questionnaire includes — primary level, preparatory stage, secondary and higher — secondary levels, technical and vocational education, higher education and teachers training.

Two main objectives of education are self-expression and

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employment. Both these objectives are hampered in our present education system. The present education system is not only a wastage and unproductive but has also failed to build up a necessary workforce in the field of agriculture, industry, science and engineering in a developing country.

Primary education—the first stage—has not been able to reach the desired goal. About 40 lakh children get admitted in class I but their number dwindles to 10 lakh in class V.

Their number comes down to less than half from class VI to X. Only 30 to 50 thousand students pass the H.S.C. examination ultimately. Of the 80 to 82 lakh total students of the country, about 20 thousand students ever get the chance of technical education.

Those who are literates that is to say getting education for 12 or more years, 40 per cent of them are unemployed. The main reason for this is that this kind of education bears little connections with practical life. Such a wastage of manpower is very disappointing for the country and society.