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## **5 new medical colleges to be established**

By A Staff Reporter

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf told the Jatiya Sangsad that the government had taken up a project to establish five new medical colleges in Dinajpur, Bogra, Faridpur, Khulna and Comilla districts.

Replying to a question by Begum Rasheda Khatun (Jamaat), the Health Minister said the implementation of the project would be completed by 1996.

The Minister told the House in reply to a question by Shah M. Rafique Bari Chowdhury (JP) that the incidence of heart diseases had been gradually increasing in the country.

He said the government had no plan to establish heart institutes at the five divisional headquarters. He said there were facilities of treatment of heart ailment at the existing hospitals at the divisional headquarters.

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Yusuf informed the Jatiya Sangsad that the Pabna Mental Hospital was at present equipped with adequate instruments for the treatment of the patients.

Replying to a question by M. Abdus Sobhan (Jamaat), the Minister said Taka three lakh each for fiscal years 1991-92 and 1992-93 were allocated for emergency repair and maintenance of the hospital.

### **HEPATITIS-B**

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf informed the Jatiya Sangsad Wednesday that the rate of success of the Expanded Immunisation Programme (EPI) ranged between 87 and 93 per cent during the year 1993.

Replying to a question from Treasury Bench Member Advocate Khairul Enam, the Health Minister said the success rate for DPT-3 was 90 per cent, for BCG 93 per cent and Measles 87 per cent.

The Health Minister said the government has no plan to include Hepatitis-B vaccine under EPI.