



Tk 2.38 cr EEC grant for rural primary schools

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From Our Correspondent
 DINAJPUR, Mar. 6: The European Economic Community (EEC) will construct 67 government primary school buildings in three northern districts of Panchagarh, Thakurgaon and Dinajpur during the current financial year.

According to a report, the EEC has allocated an amount of Taka 2,38,68,756 for constructing 67 semi-pucca buildings of government primary schools in these three districts. Of the amount, Taka 1,45,28,808 has been allocated for 42 school buildings in 13 upazilas of Dinajpur district, Taka 69,18,450 for 20 school buildings in five upazilas under Thakurgaon district and an amount of Taka 24,21,468 has been allocated for 7 primary school buildings in five upa-

zilas under Panchagarh district. Construction work of most of the school buildings have already been started which will be completed by June 1989.

Meanwhile a discussion on the role of voluntary organisations in mass education programme was held recently at the 'Lokabhavan' in Dinajpur. The discussion was jointly sponsored by Dinajpur Sangbadik Samity, Palli Samaj Unnyan Parishad and Natun Golap Kachikachar Mela.

Prof. Mohammad Yusuf Ali was the chief guest while noted writer Syed Abul Maksud and Dinajpur Pourashava Chairman Mr. Shafiqul Haq were special guests. Mr Md. Matiur Rahman, President Dinajpur Sangbadik Samity presided over the function which was addressed by student leader Mr. M.A. Jalil and Poura Commissioner Mr. Sherif Ali.

Syed Maksud said mass education was pre-requisite for the development of language, literature and culture. Prof. Yusuf

Ali called upon the voluntary organisations to devote wholeheartedly to free the society from the curse of illiteracy.

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 European Economic Community (EEC) and the Netherlands have provided grant amounting to Taka 62 crore to launch income generating projects for the rural poor in Greater Rangpur district.

According to an official source, 64,000 cooperative groups will be organised to implement the programme.

Marginal and small farmers including distressed women will be brought under the programme.

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 UNB adds: The Facilities Department of the Ministry of Education has taken up a plan to build 23 new government Primary Schools in 6 upazila of Bhola district during the current fiscal year.

According to official sources an amount of Tk. 74.27 lakh will be spent under the integrated school development programme for building these schools in second phase.

The programme includes the construction of semi-pucca buildings and supply of furniture for the school. A total of Tk. 16.14 lakh will be spent for construction of five primary schools in Bhola sadar, Tk. 4.88 lakh for three schools in Borhanudding, Tk. 16.14 for five schools in Daulat Khan, Tk. 12.92 lakh for four schools in each of Lalmoihan and Charfession and Tk. 6.46 for two schools in Tazumuddin upazilas.

The work of the schools will be completed by June next.

Besides, the Facilities Department has already completed the construction of 52 government educational institutions at a cost of Tk. 3.15 crore in first phase in this district.