

Govt. firm to stop aimless education

TANGAEL Oct. 1.—Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed said here today that Government was contemplating to empower in phases the local government bodies to administer the primary education reports BSS.

Mr. Ahmed said the issue is being discussed at the meetings of National Educational Advisory Council (NEAC) and is also under the consideration of the Government.

Addressing the Chairmen of Union Parishads of the district on "non-formal" education, the Education Minister said NEAC is now busy preparing a uniform humane and all-round education system which will fulfil the hopes and aspirations of our toiling masses. Mr. Ahmed said the first education policy of the country which is coming out shortly will do away with disparity in education system.

Mr. Ahmed said the Government is determined to wipe out illiteracy from the country and also to stop the "aimless" education which is now in vogue.

He said the education policy will stress on production-oriented and people-oriented education system so as to benefit the vast majority of the population so long deprived from the light of education.

Referring to religious education, the Minister said Madrasas will stay. But along with religious education technical and modern scientific education will have to be incorporated in their curricula.

Touching on the rate of literacy in the country the Minister said only 24 per cent of the population know how to read and write. He said literacy among women is even more pitiful as only 12 per cent of them have been registered as literate in the census.

Mr. Ahmed said we must educate our people in the shortest possible time otherwise all our attempts for progress and development will be a far cry.

The Minister who arrived here this afternoon addressed gatherings at a number of schools on the way. He also visited Gorai Textile Mills and Bharateswari Homes at Mirzapur.