

Two-year plan to remove illiteracy recommended

The National Education Advisory Council (NEAC) has recommended that a two-year crash programme should be taken up to remove illiteracy from the country, reports ENA.

This recommendation was contained in the revised preliminary draft of the interim education policy which is now under discussion of the NEAC.

The NEAC met in its 12th session on Thursday at the Jativa Sangsad Bhavan with State Minister for Education Mr. Abdul Baten in the chair.

The preliminary draft said that the crash programme should begin from July 1 1979 and continue upto June 30, 1981.

According to the draft, unlettered people from 11 to 45 years should be brought under the programme. The basic objective of the programme would be to impart minimum education particularly to those children who have failed to receive primary education.

The preliminary draft recommended that under the programme the duration of an academic session will be of six months. Special Bengali and Mathematics books will be prepared for this purpose so that the taughts can learn it within this time. This education will be completely free. The price of a book would not

be more than 50 paisa.

According to the draft, students from Class IX to higher classes, teachers, educated officials of Government and semi-Government institutions and other social workers will be included as teachers under the programme.

The draft suggested that all kinds of educational institutions, clubs, community centres, family planning offices, cooperative offices and such others will be used as schools for implementing the programme. Other teaching aids would be collected locally, the draft proposes.

The draft recommended that the programme should be declared as urgent national one and the Government will have to take total responsibility of making the programme a success with active cooperation of the people.

It said that for the complete removal of illiteracy primary education of the country should be made compulsory and non-formal education should be introduced simultaneously.