

## Literacy drive forges ahead

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, June 30.—In response to the call of President Ziaur Rahman to remove illiteracy an elaborate programme has been taken up in Jessore district. According to the programme, 88,159 illiterate men and women of the total illiterate people of 3864 villages of the district will be imparted primary education. Meanwhile, 60 teachers and interested persons at the district level, 675 at the thana level and 20,800 at the union level have been trained to work as teachers, to make this programme a success school, college and primary school teachers social workers and the chairmen and members of the Union Parishads are working hard. Mr. Fazlur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner and Mr. Safayat Ali ADC (Literacy) Jessore are extending their co-operation in every possible way to materialise the whole programme.

Upto the 31st April this year 9333 persons in Jessore Sadar Subdivision, 17921 in Magura, 1900 in Narail and 14844 in Jhenidah were given primary knowledge. So far 403534 books have been received by the district administration to make the literacy programme of the district a success, of which 326637 have already been distributed. It is expected that it will be possible to achieve the target in the district within the stipulated period.

Our Daulatpur Correspondent writes:— Over 16 hundred illi-

terate people in Terokhada Police Station in the district of Khulna have been given primary education in the second phase of mass literacy campaign.

Under the programme another 18 hundred illiterate people are being taught at present in the police station.

This was disclosed by the Terokhada Thana Education Officer in a meeting of all Government officials, teachers of different academic institutions, UP Chairman and elite of the area held at the office room of the Circle Officer (Dev.) with Mr. Shamsul Huq, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Edu) of Khulna in the chair.

It is also learnt that 9,300 primary books have so far been distributed among the people and the campaign for the removal of illiteracy has already started in 70 villages in the police station.

### Mymensingh

Our Mymensingh Correspondent adds: The position of mass literacy drive in the district of Mymensingh upto May 31 was

as follows:

Out of about 21,32,667 illiterate persons in the district of Mymensingh 3,46,590 were given education.

Out of 5955 villages in the district of Mymensingh 4,445 have been brought under mass literacy programme. Already 4,00,000 books on literacy have been distributed and 22,409 have been imparted training on teaching. The number of squads formed is 11,196. Moreover, there are 173 voluntary organisations engaged in removing illiteracy.