

Literacy 24.82pc

Country's literacy is 24.82 percent according to the 1991 census, Education Minister Zamiruddin Sircar told Parliament yesterday, reports UNB.

Replying to Rahmat Ali and Dipankar Talukdar of Awami League, he said the literacy rate in Chittagong hill tracts region is 23.49 percent, 1.33 percent less than the country's average literacy rate.

Giving a breakup of literacy rate in the hill districts, the minister said the literacy rate in Khagrachari is 20 percent, in Rangamati 28.72 percent and in Bandarban 19.61 percent.

Sircar told Talukdar that 118 seats are reserved for tribal students in different universities.

He said 92 seats are reserved in Chittagong University, 17 in Jahangirnagar University, three in Bangladesh Agricultural University and six in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

Besides, 46 seats are reserved for tribal students in 12 technical institutes of the country.

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