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Discussion on education policy begins

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Parliament yesterday initiated discussions on a vital issue of national education policy on the private-members day when as many as eleven MPs from both Treasury and Opposition benches participated stressing the immediate need for formulating an education policy for the future generations.

Soon after the question-answer hour in the morning sitting, Leader of the House and Prime Minister Moudud Ahmed informed the House that it was decided earlier by the House Committee to have wideranging discussions in Parliament on vital national issues like the education policy.

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in the discussions in the morning sitting and only four members talked about during the brief afternoon sitting on the national education policy.

Those who spoke in the morning sitting are Messrs Joynal Abedin, Moslemuddin Momen, Ataur Rahman Mia, Kalimuddin Ahmed, Mohammad Yunus, Shafiqul Islam and Nur Alam Ziku while Messrs Nurul Islam Moni, Majoi (retd) Hafizuddin, Major (retd) Bazlul Huda and Fazle Rabbi spoke in the afternoon sitting.

While participating on the discussions, the speakers depicted the pale picture prevailing in country's education sector and felt that the whole system should be recast with a view to educating properly nation's future generations so that they could become worthy citizens.

Mr. Shafiqul Islam from the Opposition Bench said the state must give due attention to the rural areas where 80 per cent children of the peasants even did not see the light of education and they were deprived of education.

Opposition Chief whip Nur Alam Ziku wanted an uniform education for all by introducing same curricula in all the educational institutions including the cadet colleges and model schools and kindergartens.

Major (retd) Hafizuddin from Treasury Bench made a fervent appeal to all to take up the education issue dispassionately for the country's future citizens by keeping other perennial conditions aside while Freedom Party member Major (retd) Bazlul Huda made a number of suggestions for inclusion in the national policy for better education of the coming generations.

The discussions will be resumed on Sunday when Parliament goes into session at ten in the morning.

The afternoon sitting with Speaker Shamsul Huda Choudhury in the chair was adjourned after brief session for an hour as the Jatiyo Party Parliamentary Party meeting was called at 6 pm when Party Chairman and President Ershad was to attend.