

## Schools yet to receive advice for bi-track syllabi

Secondary schools have not yet received any official instructions for introduction of bi-track syllabi, although government decision to implement it was announced about a fortnight ago, reports ENA.

Headmasters of about two dozen high schools in the capital when contacted said no government instruction had reached them so far regarding bi-track syllabi. As such they are facing problems in conducting classes on elective subjects although six months of the academic session have already lapsed.

When contacted Chairman of the Dhaka Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board said they had received circular on last Tuesday. The circular will be sent to schools under the board shortly. But Chairmen of Comilla and Jessore Secondary and Higher Secondary Boards said they had not yet received any circular till Thursday noon.

Minister for Education Dr Abdul Majed Khan said on Friday that arrangements would be expedited to reach necessary instruction to the schools. He said curriculum development committee has already made selection of readings for the elective subjects and these will be forwarded to schools within a short time.

Explaining the reasons for re-

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placement of uni-track syllabi with a bi-track one at the middle of the academic year, the Minister said the uni-track syllabi provided for compulsory science education without having laboratory facilities for it in more than four thousand schools. Under the uni-track syllabi, general science as a compulsory subject was assigned two hundred marks at the secondary school certificate examinations.

He said apart from lack of laboratory facilities the number of science teachers and their standard in those schools were also poor.

The Minister said the uni-track syllabi was introduced with the objective of improving the standard of education at secondary level. But it had to be put in abeyance till the development of science teaching facilities at those schools, particularly in rural areas.

The Minister said if the uni-track syllabi would have continued, the full advantage of improved education standard would go to students of urban schools. But students in rural schools would have faced problems in continuing with the course. Thus the whole purpose of improving the standard of education would be defeated, he said.