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## Draft report on edn policy finalised

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The National Education Policy Formulation Committee has finalised its draft report and it is expected to be forwarded to the Prime Minister shortly, according to Education Ministry sources.

If okayed by the Prime Minister, the draft will be placed in the Jatiya Sangsad for discussion on it.

The committee with former Vice-Chancellor Prof Shamsul Huq as its Chairman, was formed in September last year to prepare a draft of the new national education policy. Later, 18 sub-committees were formed to help prepare the draft.

It is learnt that it has been suggested in the draft policy that education must be made compulsory upto class VIII. Secondary education will have

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four years duration from class IX to XII.

The draft suggested three years degree pass course in colleges while four years honours course only in the universities. The duration of Masters course will be of one year.

Technical and vocational education has been given maximum importance in the draft policy. English has been made compulsory in higher education.

The committee believed that higher education should be restricted only for the meritorious students.

The committee gave emphasis on the quality of teachers at all levels. It has been suggested in the draft policy that none having a third division or class in his or her academic records should be appointed as a teacher at any level.