

## Incentive for family planning Free female edn upto Class VIII

The third meeting of the executive committee of the National Population Council held with President Hussain Muhammad Ershad in the chair in Dhaka on Saturday adopted a number of decisions to strengthen the population control and family planning programmes, reports BSS.

It made a threadbare review of the implementation of the decisions taken in the last meeting and noted with satisfaction the progress of work in family planning at various levels.

Making his remarks at the meeting, President Ershad directed the concerned authorities for quick and faithful implementation of the decisions on the family planning.

President Ershad further gave the directive to give preference to the couples with two or less children for rehabilitation under the cluster village programme.

The meeting adopted the decision to introduce course on family planning in the MBBS curriculum.

It also decided to work out the practical modalities for enforcing marriage, birth and death registrations.

The meeting further decided to introduce a subject on family planning in all the induction, foundation and refresher courses, organised by various institutions.

Decision was taken for introducing

reward for union parishads for performance in the family planning.

The meeting also decided to undertake an extensive publicity programme by the mass media for creating awareness about family planning and programmes like free female education upto Class VIII.

First Lady Begum Raushan Ershad, who is also a member of the committee, attended the meeting and took part in the deliberations.

Begum Ershad called for strengthening the population control drive and at the same time making it more dynamic. She stressed the need for creating greater awareness about the family planning.

The members of the committee who include Vice-President Moudud Ahmed, Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Home Minister Mahmudul Hasan, Finance and Planning Minister M.A. Munem, Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Land

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Minister Sardar Amjad Hussain, Social Welfare Minister Rezwanul Huq Chowdhury, Health Minister Dr. Azizur Rahman, LGRD and Cooperative Minister Naziur Rahman, Women's Affairs Minister Razia Faiz, Religious Affairs Minister Nazimuddin Al Azad, Leader of the Opposition A.S.M. Abdur Rab, Members of Parliament, eminent physicians Prof. Nurul Islam and Dr. Zafarullah Chowdhury, Principal Secretary to the President A.H.F. Sadique, Principal Staff Officer to the Supreme Commander, Maj. Gen. Abdul Latif, concerned secretaries and officials attended the meeting held at the International Conference Centre.

Health Minister Dr. Azizur Rahman initiated the discussion and Secretary of the Ministry of Health Hasan Ahmed informed the meeting of the progress of implementation of the decisions taken in the second meeting of the committee held on February 27 and placed the new proposals for adoption by the meeting.