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Naheed for qualitative change in edn system

Education Minister Nurul Islam Naheed on Saturday said the government is embarking on a plan to bring qualitative change in the education system on a priority basis to make it more useful, reports BSS.

"We have to introduce modern education method in our education system by replacing the traditional one," he told an orientation and certificate-awarding ceremony of Modular Learning System (MLS) and Supply Chain Management (MLS), organized by Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), Business Institute in the DCCI auditorium here.

Naheed said the government is working sincerely to bring all children under primary education by 2011. To achieve the target, a total of 1500 primary schools would have to set up across the country, he said.

Detailing the government's plan, the minister said it has decided to provide books free of cost to all students at the secondary level along with the primary level from the next year to encourage students of poor families to continue their studies.

President of DCCI Jafar Osman and Coordinator Director of Standing Committee of DCCI Business Institute (DBI) Data Magfur and Lead Trainer of MLS-SCM of DBI Syed Azgar Ali, among others, addressed the function.

Executive Director of DBI Hossain Ali gave a presentation on ICT's Modular Learning system in supply chain.

The minister said there is now 48 percent school drop-outs at the primary level followed by 42 percent at the secondary level. He identified poverty as one of the main causes of high rate of

school dropout in the country.

He said, "We have identified that most of the students between

Class-IX to Class-X and Class-VI to Class-VII have been forced to leave the schools due to their financial inability to buy books."

On the supply of free books to the learner both at the primary and secondary levels, Naheed said "We have to publish a total of 21 crore text books this year for implementing the decision of the government."

Considering the importance of technical and vocational education in domestic and international job markets, the minister said, "We have to take necessary measures to expand technical and vocational education in the country."

Naheed went on saying that the government would set up a vocational school at every thana of the country.