

## Steps to remove illiteracy discussed

The first meeting of the National Council for Mass Literacy held on Monday in the Bangladesh Secretariat under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Abdus Sattar, Vice President discussed ways and means for achieving universal literacy in the country within the shortest possible time, says a PID handout.

The Council expressed the views that this objective could be achieved only by associating people at all levels in a viable programme through mass movement.

As a first step, it was decided that information could be had from various ministries as well as various non-government voluntary organizations about the present activities performed by the respective agencies for removal of illiteracy so that these reports may provide the Council with a benchmark on the basis of which future

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programme and strategy may be drawn up.

It was also decided that some non-official pioneers who have been working devotedly in the field would be invited to attend the soon-to-be held next meeting of the council to enable it to gather firsthand information on the problems and other aspects of literacy campaign which such non-official pioneers have already acquired in the field.

The meeting was attended by the Ministers for Education; Information and Broadcasting; Planning; Home Affairs; Industries; Manpower Development and Social Welfare; Health and Population Control; Agriculture and Forest and Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives.