

Ways and means for mass literacy discussed

The first meeting of the National Council for Mass Literacy held Monday in the Bangladesh Secretariat under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Abdus Satter Vice President, discussed ways and means for achieving universal literacy in the country within the shortest possible time. 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 it was learnt officially on Monday.

As a first step, it was decided that information could be had from various ministries as well as various non-governmental voluntary organisations about the present activities performed by the respective agencies for removal of illiteracy so that these reports may provide the Council with a bench-mark on the basis of which future programmes 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 next meeting of the council to enable it to gather first-hand information 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.