

Teachers suffocating edn thru' coaching centres, private tuition

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, July 22:— Teachers of colleges and schools in 16 upazilas of the district are engaged themselves in private tuition ignoring their academic responsibilities, it is alleged.

It is learnt that many teachers of different Government and Non-government schools and colleges have set up coaching centers at their residence and attendance in schools and colleges of the district has fallen alarmingly.

In most of the Non-government educational institutions, classes are not held after 4th period due to shortage of studenps, as they have to go to their private tutors.

Some students requesting anonymity said that without private tuition, good results could not be expected in the practical examinations of the Science department.

It is also observed that setting up of educational institutions; particularly colleges have turned economically profitable for a section of people. In Comilla district, more than 45 colleges were established during the last five years.

It is alleged that appointment of teachers at these institutions depend on the amount of so-called donation paid by the candidates. Due to severer unemployment

problem, the organizers of such institutions trap the educated men.

It is mentioned here that almost all the schools start academic activities after three or four months. Moreover the teachers of Mathematics, English and Science are found busy in private tuition.

It may be mentioned here that the standard of education of teachers of rural areas schools is not up to mark to teach English and Mathematics. The conscious people feel that it is high time to evolve a system that will create proper academic atmosphere in the educational institutions.

At present 95 per cent, the Government, is paying pay to the teachers. The teachers are demanding cent percent salary from the government, which is also under active consideration of the government.

The guardians opined that the dismal picture of the results should be taken into consideration before the enhancement of the government subsidy at the cost of the public exchequer.

Meanwhile, the high schools and junior high schools in 16 upazilas of the district have been facing shortage of furniture, teachers, accommodation, lack of

necessary educational appliances
and fund.

Most of the schools of the district established at the local initiative are running with financial hardship. The non-governmental high schools can hardly serve the purpose due to manifold problems.

About 80 per cent of the high schools are facing fund constraints. As a result, over all secondary education program is being hampered.

The accommodation problem exists in almost all the teachers. The students are accommodated in small rooms and many of them sit on the floor for want of benches.

In absence of library, play ground and sports materials deprived students of recreational facilities. Cultural activities are not held in most of the schools. There are no game and musical teachers in 75 per cent schools.

Science education is being hampered in almost all the schools for want of scientific appliances and teachers. Most of the schools in the rural areas lack adequate drinking water facilities.

and sanitation.

KG schools, mushrooming

Our Correspondent adds: Kindergartens or KG schools are mushrooming in Comilla town, mostly for their good business prospect.

There are about 170 KG schools in Comilla town and its adjoining areas, said the Comilla Kindergarten Association Secretary, Bidhan Chandra Sen.

The KG schools are growing rapidly for inadequate number of government primary schools and shortage of seats there. In most cases, the KG schools lack proper accommodation, adequate furniture, playgrounds and sports materials, which hamper congenial academic environment.

Many guardians alleged that their wards were being deprived of standard education in spite of spending huge money. The expenditure in KG schools is eight to ten times higher than that in the government schools.

Apart from exorbitant tuition and other fees, the guardians are to spend a lot of money for school dress, nameplate, badges, notebook, diary and transportation.

Generally students are admitted to these schools to study from playgroup to standard five. Some KG schools provide education up to class eight.

The schools are not well equipped with furniture like chair, bench desks and black boards. Sometimes six to seven students sit on one bench.

Allegations have it that these institutions are involved in various malpractices. The authorities of these schools maintain secret relationship with some chosen booksellers, tailors and bookbinders from where they get handsome commission.

Skilled and experienced teachers are not available in these institutions as the authorities appoint low quality teachers paying nominal salary.

There is often no canteen on the campus. So the children are to go outside to purchase Tiffin crossing roads and sometimes they fall victim to road accidents.

Sources said mañý' KG schools have also sprung up in rural areas.

A section of unemployed youths having passed HSC or degree have opened KG schools in rural areas to earn money and not to provide quality education.

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