



Problems grip primary edn in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Jan 6:—The primary education system of the district is beset with manifold problems hindering compulsory primary education in the area.

According to official source there are 308 government primary schools, 53 non-government registered primary schools and 32 community primary schools in the district.

The source said there are 1,50,674 students and 1800 teachers engaged in those government primary schools and more than 180 posts of teachers lying vacant in those schools for a long time causing problem to the students.

It is alleged that the TEOs, ATOs and DEPO's are not discharging their duties regularly to supervise the school. As a result most of the teachers are not punctual to their duties. Moreover the Education Ministry allotted motor cycle for TEO and ATEO of the district to supervise schools but most of them use these motor cycle in personal works.

The source said a total of 195 primary school under 81 unions of 7 upazilas of the district are under food for education programme. About 30 thousand students of these schools have been brought under this programme. Each student is supplied 15 kilo-

grams of wheat free of cost per month for his 80% attendance in the school, government has appointed one dealer in each union for distribution of wheat under food for education programme.

It is alleged due to lack of proper supervision attendance of students and teaching staff are irregular. Most of the teachers attend school after 11 a.m. and leave school before 4 p.m. The number of drop out are being increased day by day.