

Private tuition now a business!

## Teachers allegedly do not discharge academic responsibility in Comilla

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, Aug 11:- Teachers of colleges and schools in 16 upazilas of the district have 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 residences 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 students, 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 sitting 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.

The results of schools in the SSC examinations are not satisfactory. In the last SSC examination it indicates that 55.89 per cent of total candidates under the Comilla Education Board comes out successful.

According to the results of the last cent per cent candidates from 26 schools under the Education Board come out successful. The schools are: Comilla Ispahani Public school and college, Comilla Gur Lady Fatema Girls High school, Comilla Cantonment Board High School, Comilla Cadet College, Paniwala High School under Rangonj upazila in Noakhali district, Shaptaqaon high school under Chatkhil upazila in Noakhali district, Kamalpur Iqbal Hasem high school in Noakhali district, Fatik Khir S. Girls high school under Shahrashti upazila in Chandpur district, Arapuri high school under Rangonj upazila in Sandpur district and Laxmipur high school in Brahmanbaria district.

The schools in the rural area

There are few students come out from nine schools under the Education Board. The schools are: Rajarkhola high school under Comilla Sadar upazila, Durgapur girls high school under Chowdhury upazila, Burirpar high school under Dabidwar upazila, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman girls high school under Brahmanbaria upazila, Uttar Shaktali high school under Nangolkot upazila and Dastishwar Ahmed Delwara memorial girls high school under Nangolkot upazila both in Comilla district, Baranagar high school under Na-

sirnagar upazila, Panchgaon high school under Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila and Rashid Khan high school under Kashba upazila both in Brahmanbaria district.

This dismal picture in the examinations has worried the guardians in particularly and the public in general. Many headmasters of the rural schools are absconding to avoid the wrath of the guardians. The result is an ample testimony of poor education in the schools particularly in the rural areas.

It is an open secret that the debacle in the examinations is the outcome of strict vigilance taken by the district administration in checking unfair means which has become rampant in the recent years particularly in the rural centers. 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 90 per cent the government is paying pay of 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-government 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 appliance and teachers. Most of the schools in the rural areas lack adequate drinking water facilities.