

## More primary schools necessary

# Teacher shortage, lack of facilities mar education

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**NARAIL, Sept. 12:**—Over 13,300 children of Narail district are denied primary education due to shortage of primary schools, educational appliances and poverty of guardians.

According to District Education Office source, about 1,23,707 children, who reach the school-age are not getting proper education for want of necessary facilities in the schools.

The source said most of the students were not enrolled themselves in primary schools as their guardians are poor and they cannot buy necessary reading appliances for their wards.

### Damaged schools not repaired

The source also said that large number of students left school one or two years after their enrolment.

The source further said that many schools damaged by floods, cyclonic storm and other natural calamities have not been repaired during the last two to four years.

There are 387 government, 56 registered and 15 unregistered primary schools in Narail district. There is no congenial atmosphere in most of the schools.

As many as 131 primary schools in

the district damaged in the cyclone and floods over the years have not yet been repaired. Out of the damaged schools, 22 have been damaged completely and 25 partially in sadar upazila, 20 completely and 21 partially in Lohagara upazila and 23 completely and 21 partially in Kalia upazila of the district. Many of the damaged schools sit in temporary makeshift house.

In order to improve the situation the Facilities Department undertook 4 schemes from 1985-86 to the last financial year and constructed 36 primary school buildings and repaired 12 primary schools throughout the district and 10 schools were enlisted for repair.

Besides many posts of teachers have been lying vacant in the district for over years hampering the primary education of children.

### Mymensingh

A report from Gouripur (Mymensingh) adds:—A total of 1535 posts of teachers in the government primary schools of Mymensingh district have been lying vacant for many years.

### Gouripur

According to the official sources, there are 1244 Govt. Primary Schools in the 12 upazilas of the district having about 3,55,812 students.

Due to shortage of teachers education of the children is being hampered.

The education-loving people of Mymensingh district urged the authority concerned to come forward to solve the problem.

### Madaripur

UNB reports from Madaripur:—The Non-government primary schools in the district are functioning without adequate number of teachers and educational facilities.

According to informed sources, about 12,000 students in 62 institutes in 4 upazilas are being affected by the lack of facilities like benches, chairs, blackboards and other necessary educational appliances.

There are 19 schools in Sadar, 15 in Kalkini, 7 in Shibchar and 21 in Rajoir upazilas.

The guardians alleged that for the last 12 years these schools have not been improved the educational standard.

They suggested nationalisation of all primary schools in the district.

BSS writes from Rajshahi:—A day-long seminar on "the role of inspection and training officers of primary education in implementing compulsory primary education" organised by Primary Education, Rajshahi was held yesterday at Zila Parishad Auditorium.

Presided over by Deputy Director, Primary Education Mirza Shahidul Islam, the seminar was attended by Director General of Primary Education, Prof. Md. Abul Hossain as chief guest and Chairman of Rajshahi Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board Dr. Md. Abul Kashem as special guest.

The upazila and district level primary education officers of Rajshahi Division took part in the seminar.

The speakers at the seminar stressed the need for motivating the guardians specially the illiterate ones to send their wards to schools for making them worthy citizens.

They opined that necessary facilities should be augmented to the concerned officials so that they could strive to overcome the hindrance and perform their duties to implement the programme.

Prof. Abul Hossain said that the government's main objective was to impart primary education to each and every child. He called upon the concerned officials and teachers to be more conscious and active to make this programme a success.

### Faridpur

A day-long regional conference of Government College Teachers' Association was held on September 7 at local Government Yasin College premises here.

About 150 delegates from fifteen government colleges of greater Faridpur district attended the conference.

The conference was presided over by Yasin College Principal Khondoker Nurul Islam, Principal Jahanara Begum, President of Bangladesh Government College Teachers' Association and Prof. A.B.M. Jonab Ali, Joint Secretary General of the Central Committee attended the conference as chief guest and special guest respectively.

A resolution adopted in the conference said that the Government College Teachers Association would continue their movement for fulfilling their 18-point demand.

The conference urged upon the authorities concerned to accept the demands of the teachers.