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Posts of 150 teachers lying vacant in Khulna schools

From Our Correspondent

BAGERHAT, Jan 3:—Education of students and administrative function of many schools in 10 district of Khulna region are being hampered due to shortage teachers in these educational institutions for a long time.

At present there are 36 government Secondary Schools in ten districts of Khulna region. The districts are Bagerhat, Khulna, Satkhira, Jessore, Magura, Narail, Jhenidah, Kusthia, Chuadanga and Meherpur. About 150 posts of teachers including headmasters and headmistress have been lying vacant for years together. Nineteen Secondary School have been running without Headmasters or Headmistresses. As a result, the administrative function of those schools is on the verge of collapse.

The 19 schools having no head teachers are Bagerhat Government High School, Morrelganj Government Girls' High School, Khulna Laboratory High School, Fultala Government Girls' High School, Dumuria Government Girls' High

School, Satkhira Government High School, Tala Shaheed Ali Ahmed Girls' High School, Paikgacha Government High School, Jessore Zila School, Monirampur Government Girls High School, Jhenidah Government High School, Harinakundu Government Girls High Schools, Narail Government High School, Magura Government Girls' High School, V.J. Government High School, Meherpur Government High School, K.K. Government Girls' High School and Jhenidah Government Girls' High School.

A total of 23 posts of Asstt. Headmasters and 99 posts of Asstt. Teachers have also been lying vacant for a long time. In all total vacant posts of teachers is 141. Consequently, one teacher is to discharge duty of more teachers at a time.

The rank and status of secondary School Inspectors is higher than those of Headmasters of Govt. Secondary Schools. But the pay scale of both Inspectors and Headmasters is the same. If Headmaster is promoted to the post of Inspector he is unwilling to avail of the promotion.

On the other hand, the rank and status of District Education Officer, of Secondary School and the Headmaster of the Govt. Secondary Schools is same. But the pay scale of the former is lower than that of the later.

It an Asstt. headmaster, who has been serving in the same post for more than 4/5 years is eligible for promotion. But this provision has not been executed for the last 7/8 years. There are many Asstt. Headmasters, who have been working

different Government Secondary Schools for more than ten to 20 years, have not been promoted to fill up the 19 vacant posts of headmasters in Khulna region. As a result, well experienced and senior most Asstt. Headmasters have been suffering from frustration.