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74000 primary school children deprived of education in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Feb. 10:— Over 74,000 children in 13 thanas of Kishoreganj district have been deprived of primary education during the last academic year.

This was revealed in a recent survey conducted by the District Primary Education Department.

This retrogression in the academic pursuit was attributed to a series of reasons which included shortage of schools, short supply of educational appliances, shortage of teachers and negligence of duty by some officials in the thana level education departments.

The total number of primary schools in the district stands at 1220 including 808 government and 412 non-government schools. A total of 2,31,619 students were enrolled in Government primary schools and 75,585 were enrolled in non-government primary schools during the last academic year, according to

an official estimate.

The total number of children in the age group of 6 to 12 were 3,81,605 in the district. According to official records 3,07,208 of these children were enrolled in schools and the rest 74,401 did not get enrolment because of their guardians reluctance to enrol them.

Most of these children belong to poverty-stricken families. The poor parents sent their children to fields and factories to earn livelihood with a view to supplementing the income of their families.

Besides, most of the government and non-government schools in remote and haor areas do not function properly and run under good management. These schools remain closed almost four to five days a week. No official from the Education Department visit these schools, it is alleged.