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Poverty, unemployment discourage guardians

30 pc children do not go to schools in Narail

From Our Correspondent

NARAIL, Sept. 22.—About 1.50 lakh children are deprived of primary education in three thanas of the district.

According to the source of Education Department, the number of school going children is 1,12,000 in the group of five to 12 in three thanas of the district of whom 50,000 are girls. About 30 per cent of enlisted children do not go to schools, the source further said.

It is revealed that most of the guardians in the rural areas show little interest to send their children to schools due to poverty and unemployment. The guardians are rather forced to send their children to work in hotels, restaurants and motor garages for earning their bread.

The guardians opined that though the primary education is free but most of the guardians cannot bear the expense of dresses and other expenses.

Sub-jail overcrowded

The Narail sub-jail was established during the British rule when it was a sub-division. Now it has been upgraded into district. With the passage of time population, the number of crimes has increased manifold.

The sub-jail can accommodate only 31 males and 2 females under-trial prisoners but due to increase of criminal cases, the number of under-trial prisoners has also increased.

The sub-jail is overcrowded with an average intake of 200 under-trial prisoners. Besides, courts of district and sessions judge, additional district and sub-judge, there are three thanas in the district. The UT prisoners of these courts are accommodated and they are produced to these courts on fixed dates under police escort by road. There is no van for the movement of prisoners in the three thana magistrate courts of the district.

The century old sub-jail of Narail needs renovation and expansion to accommodate the increasing number of UT prisoners.

Besides, the sub-jailor and staff including the jail police have been sufferings for want of residential

accommodation.

The sub-jail may be shifted to a suitable place to solve the problem of accommodation of UT prisoners.

Fishermen need capital

Thousands of fishermen of the haor and beel areas of Narail district have been facing manifold problems due to lack of fund, scarcity of fishing materials like nets, boats, price-hike of inputs and exploitation of fishermen by the non-fishermen.

Once Narail was famous for fish production and there were 10,000 fishermen in the district who earned their livelihood by fishing in the rivers, beels, canals and ponds. Pisciculture has been affected due to drying up of the water bodies.

The fishermen find it difficult to buy appliance due to fund shortage. They borrow money from the local mahajans at a very high of interest. Some fishermen alleged that they did not get bank loan for purchasing appliances.

The non-fishermen have made monopoly over the whole profession causing concern among the genuine fishermen.

The existing law providing for lease beels and jalmahals to the genuine fishermen has been violated by some ejaradars in collusion with the local vested groups who give sub-lease to the fake fishermen.