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Teacher-accommodation shortage hits primary education in Shariatpur

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MADARIPUR, Oct. 12:—Most of the government and non-government primary school in six thanas of Shariatpur district have been facing various problems including shortage of teachers, accommodation, funds and furniture etc.

According to District Primary Education Department, there are 396 government and 155 non-government primary schools in the district.

The total number of students is 1,72,758 in the district. As many as 87 posts of headmasters and teachers has been lying vacant for a long time.

Most of the non-government primary schools established at the local initiatives did not yet get government recognition although these schools have requisite number of students and other facilities. Some of these schools were set up before the Liberation War and have been running in a deplorable condition.

Due to fund constraints payment of salary of the teachers remain irregular over the year. As a result, many teachers have already left their

respective institutions in utter disappointment.

On the others hand the government schools are in grip innumerable problems hampering the Universal Primary Education Programme.

The schools have no requisite number of benches. Students sit on bricks or mate.

The supply of necessary appliances including blackboards, chalk duster is not inadequate.

About 30 schools have one blackboard each and 72 school have two blackboards each and, 25 schools have no blackboards. Seven schools have no blackboard, chairs, benches and tables.

Due to shortage of funds the managements could not repair the school building.

Shortage of teachers is another hindrance to proper education of the students. Besides some teacher complained that they were not receiving their salary for months together.

The primary school which had been damaged in the floods, storms, cyclones and other natural calamities

during the last few years have not yet been repaired.

The guardians have appealed to the authority concerned to take effective steps to solve the problems of the primary schools.