

Cyclone-damaged schools not yet repaired

Teacher shortage hampers primary education

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, June 4:—The education of children in Khulna Division is being hampered due to inadequate teaching staff and other staff. A total of 684 posts of teachers including officials has been lying vacant in ten districts of the division.

The vacant posts included 16 TEOs, 17 ATEOs, 227 Head Masters and 427 Assistant Teachers.

It is learnt that one post of TEO, 10 posts of head teachers and 27 posts of asstt. teachers are lying vacant in Chuadanga, one post of TEO, 5 posts of head teachers and 13 posts of Assistant teachers in Meherpur district and three TEOs, one ATEO, 17 teachers and 26 asstt. teachers, in Kushtia.

The vacant posts in Jhenidah included one TEO, 21 head teachers and 26 asstt. teachers, in Magura 2 TEOs, 19 head teachers, 32 asstt. teachers, in Narail one post of TEO, 3 ATEOs, 20 head teachers and 35

assistant teachers, in Jessore one post of TEO, 3 ATEOs, 21 head teachers and 84 asstt. teachers and in Satkhira 7 head teachers and 58 asstt. teachers.

One post of TEO, 2 of ATEOs, 28 posts of asstt. teachers are lying vacant in Bagerhat and 2 TEOs 38 head teachers and 45 asstt. teachers in Khulna.

Besides, the schools are facing shortage of furniture and fund. Many of the schools cannot accommodate increased number of students. The students sit on the floor.

The govt high school of the country get govt grant for tiffins of the students, teachers and office staff but non-govt primary schools do not get such facilities.

Nilphamari

Our Nilphamari correspondent reports: The government primary schools are faced with various prob-

lems in six thanas of Nilphamari district.

The dilapidated condition of most of the primary school buildings, inadequate furniture and shortage of teachers are the main causes for hampering the education of children of the district.

High price of paper and other educational appliances, poverty and other social factors are depriving the children of primary education.

The primary schools damaged in floods, storms, cyclones and other natural calamities during the last few years, have not yet been repaired. The children take lessons standing due to shortage of benches and accommodation.

The building of Tahsildarpara govt primary school under Jaldhaka thana was damaged in the storms in 1989. Later it was repaired. But the building again damaged in the storm in the year 1992, has not been repaired. The students of the school take lessons in a hatshed.

There are two teachers in the school instead of five teachers. Three posts of teachers including head teacher have been lying vacant for a long time. The authority of the school approached the higher authority several times.

Kishoreganj

Our Kishoreganj correspondent reports: Primary schools throughout the district have been facing numerous problems such as insufficient accommodation and furniture and shortage of teachers and lack of pure drinking water.

There are 808 government, 206 registered and 163 unregistered primary schools in the district. Over 3 lakh students are studying in these schools.

Most of the non-government primary schools establish at the local initiative did not get receive government recognition though there institutions have good number of students on their roll and other requisite facilities. Being disappointed, the teachers of these schools leave the institutions and the children are deprived of education.

In most of the government primary schools, sufficient number of chairs and benches is not available and students sit on bricks or mats.

Schools damaged in the tornado or cyclone are still lying unrepaired. The classes sit under the open sky.