

25 SEP 1993

The Bangladesh Observer

130

Shortage of teachers, accommodation

64,187 deprived of primary education in Barguna, Patuakhali

From Our Correspondent

BARGUNA, Sept. 23.— Thousands of children of 11 thanas of Barguna and Patuakhali districts are deprived of primary education due to shortage of teachers, accommodation, necessary educational materials and the poverty of the guardians.

The number of school going children in the two districts is 3,30,214 of whom 2,66,027 are studying in 965 government primary schools and 478 non-government primary schools and 64,187 are deprived of primary education in these two districts.

The number of school going children in Barguna is 1,34,004 of whom 1,03,646 are studying in 389 government schools and 133 non-government schools and 1,62,381 in Patuakhali of whom 1,96,210 are studying in 576 government schools and 345 non government schools.

The number of school going children in Sadar is 37816 of whom 28,639 are studying in schools, 32269 out of 36403 of in Amtali thana, 9448 out of 11057 in Bamna thana, 17032

out of 27491 in Pathergata, 16258 out of 21587 in Betagi thana of Barguna district.

About 44076 children out of 46171 in Patuakhali Sadar, are studying in different schools 36921 out of 45586 in Bauphal thana 31259 out of 43712 in Galachipa thana, 21548 out of 27356 in Khepupara thana, 16662 out of 18576 in Mirjaganj thana, 11916 out of 14809 students in Dasmina thana of Patuakhali district are studying in different government and non governments schools.

The rest children failed to enrol themselves in the schools due to economic hardship of their guardians.

The dilapidated condition of most of the school buildings and shortage of teachers are the cause of deterioration of the primary education in Barguna and Patuakhali district.

Amtali High School

The Amtali AK-Pilot High School was beset with manifold problems

which are affecting the education of students.

The school established in 1934 and taken up under the pilot scheme in 1976 has now 700 students. The school cannot accommodate the increasing number of students.

The existing hostel is in a dilapidated condition. The common room is not spacious to cater to the requirements of the students.

The science laboratory building is now in a pitiable condition. It may collapse at any moment.

About 40 years ago the building was constructed. Since then no initiative was taken to repair the building.

The local Public Works Department long before declared the building condemned and unfit for public use.

Maulvibazar

UNB reports from Maulvibazar adds: Twenty-two registered non-government primary schools of the district will be reconstructed during the current fiscal year.

According to official sources, these schools would be reconstructed under the Registered Primary School Development Scheme in the district.

A sum of Tk 92.40 lakh has been sanctioned for the implementation of the scheme.

These schools were damaged due to natural calamities like flood, storm and cyclone long ago. In most of these schools students attend their classes under the open sky and shortage of necessary appliances, education was being hampered seriously.

With the reconstruction of these schools a long felt demand of the local people would be met.