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91 posts of pry teachers vacant in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, May 13:—About 60,000 children of the district could not attend schools due to economic hardship and ignorance of guardians. A large number of children are deprived of primary education and majority of them, are poverty-stricken families in remote areas.

The number of government and non-government primary schools in the district is 950 having 2,15,886 students in the rolls of which 691 are government and 209 are non-government schools and 50 unregistered schools.

About 3,000 teachers are now engaged in different primary schools in the district but posts of 91 teachers have been lying vacant in different schools hindering education of children.

Out of total vacant posts of teachers, 17 posts are lying vacant in Tala, 12 posts in Assasuni, 9 posts in Kalaroa, 18 posts in Sadar thana, 10 posts in Kaligonj, 9 posts in Debhata and 10 posts in Shyamnagar thana.

Most of the schools could not provide minimum facilities to the students. Besides, teacher shortage, scanty of sitting arrangement, lack of accommodation and toilet and drinking water scarcity are the main problems of many schools.

• There are no roofs of many school houses. About 500 school houses are now in deplorable condition.

It is alleged that the non-government schools, teachers have been serving almost voluntarily. Although, the government sanctioned Tk. 500 for each of school but the teachers of Satkhira district are still deprived of remuneration. These school mainly depend on the contribution of the local people which is almost uncertain.

Irregular attendance of teachers is another problem in remote areas where time schedule's are not maintained properly which hamper the education of children.