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## Teacher shortage hampers primary education

# Call to remove anomaly in teacher-student ratio

From Our Correspondent

**MADARIPUR, Mar. 31:**—At least 242 posts of primary school teachers in Madaripur and Shariatpur districts have been lying vacant for a long time hampering education of children.

According to the official sources 16 posts have been lying vacant in Sadar, 11 in Kalkini, 3 in Shibchar and 11 in Rajoir thanas of Madaripur district, while seven posts have been lying vacant in Sadar, 21 in Zanzira, 29 in Goshairhat, 55 in Bhedergonj and 51 in Naria thanas of Shariatpur district.

The local people alleged that most of the teachers are not sincere to their profession. They come to school just to sign their attendance

registrars. There is none to look into the matter.

### Maulvibazar

Our Maulvibazar correspondent reports: The overall position in the primary education sector in Rajnagar police station under Maulvibazar district is not satisfactory.

The primary schools in Rajnagar thana have been facing multifarious problems which included pitiable condition of school building shortage of teachers, shortage of furniture, scarcity of pure drinking water and absence of toilet in the schools.

There are 102 government Primary Schools and 26 non-government Primary schools for 21,613 pupils of the thana but the members of teachers is 452. As per education policy there should be one teacher for 40 pupils. Accordingly there is a shortage of at least 88 teachers in all schools.

Another feature is that in some schools there are 5 to 6 teachers for 100 pupils, where two teachers are sufficient, whereas in some schools there are only two teachers for 200 to 300 pupils.

This anomaly has been continuing for years together without any remedial measure.

The construction of 4 government primary school buildings in the police

station has been left incomplete since the 1983-84 financial year.

The schools are Kashipur, Jawa Chatigaon and Bhujbal primary schools.

Besides, 25 primary schools have been running in private houses for want of accommodation.

Shortage of furniture compelled the children sit on floor in most of the schools.

There are no tubewells in 93 government primary schools out of 102 schools. There are no toilets in 65 primary schools causing sufferings to children.

### Foundation of school laid

The foundation stone of newly set up Jagothpur Sikandar Ali High School under Akhailkura union of sadar thana was laid recently.

Mr. Asaddar Ali laid the foundation stone of the school.

Mr. Ali donated three acres of land for setting up of the school after the name of his late brother Sikandar Ali.

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A 15-member executive committee of Maulvibazar Photographic Society was formed here recently.

Syed Mohsin Pervez and Mostafa Liton were elected President and Secretary respectively of the newly formed committee.