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## Primary schools lack infrastructural facilities

from A Correspondent

MANIKGANJ, May 26:—Primary education has been seriously hampered in all the seven upazilas of the Manikganj district due to lack of infrastructural facilities in the educational institutions.

Shortage of furniture, teaching materials and accommodation facilities has been impeding smooth functioning of the schools.

In addition, 60 per cent of the existing teachers in most of the schools remain absent from duties adversely affecting the study students.

The standard of education in Manikganj has deteriorated. There are 47 primary schools, 27 junior high schools, 85 secondary high schools and 14 madrasahs (junior and senior) in seven upazilas of the district. Most

of these institutions have been beset with multifarious problems.

According to a survey, educated persons do not take up teaching at the schools and madrasahs as their profession, because the salary of teachers in schools and madrasahs is meagre. Most of the madrasahs of the district can not pay 30 per cent salary to teachers due to lack of necessary funds as the madrasah authorities do not get tuition fees. These madrasahs having no requisite number of students, can not realise tuition fees.

### English teachers

At present the teachers having no proper qualification have been engaged in the non-government high schools and madrasahs. Good English language teachers and good science (B.Sc) teachers are not available in the non-government high schools and senior madrasahs. The SSC and Dakhil examinees are compelled to adopt unfair means in the examinations due to deterioration of teaching in the secondary educational institutions.

Some elderly guardians alleged that teachers have supplied the examinees with copies in school and madrasah examination centres.

The guardian called upon the school authorities to remove the anomalies for the benefit of the students.

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