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## Shortage of teachers, class rooms, furniture hampers primary education in Rangpur

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Mar 7.—The primary education of the district is facing problems like shortage of teachers, furniture, class rooms and lack of efficiency and proficiency of the teachers.

About 6,484 students leave school every year in the district. The concerned authority do not take necessary measures to stop the drop-out of the students.

A source of the District Education office disclosed that there are 1270 primary schools in the district. In these schools 702 are government and 568 non-government. Among 3,70,795 students, 3,64,201 students go to schools and the rest 6,484 students left the schools.

A total of 2951 teachers including non-government school teachers are working in the schools of the district. Four teachers impart lessons to 288 students. The required number of teachers in non-government schools of the district is being maintained, but it is not being maintained in the government primary schools, except a few in district town and thana headquarters.

In the rural area the shortage of teachers is prevailing in every primary school. Each government school in the villages has not more than 2 to 3 students.

The head master of every primary school in the rural area is busy with official work and the rest of the teachers are to take the classes of all students. They cannot give attention to all students at a time. If one teacher goes on leave for one or two days, it becomes impossible for the head master to continue teaching as one or two teachers cannot take five classes simultaneously.

Many of the schools run in two shifts to accommodate the

students. Many students cannot come closer to the teachers and remain unknown. When the examination knocks at the door they leave schools for ever. Without proper care, the less calibre students can not understand the subjects. They failed in the examinations and they do not go to schools again.

### Government work

In spite of teaching the teachers remain busy with other government duty in case of national days. They prepare the voter lists of the villagers. They engaged in census work and most of the classes of primary schools of the district are suspended. The primary education is almost a show. Teaching is almost absent in these schools.

The shortage of books, chalk, duster, benches in the schools is hindering the teaching of the students. Some schools in the towns are housed in two-storied building. Most of the students are facing of shortages of class rooms.

A head master of a school told me that the scarcity of books is acute. Without books they cannot start class although three months have already passed. All students of Class I and II get full set of books and half of students of Class III and IV got books and the rest of the students are yet to get the books.

According to the record of District Education office, 75 per cent books have been supplied in two months.

The people of the district called upon the government to take measures to solve the problems of the government schools as well as the non-government primary schools.