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# Mushrooming of KG schools in Jamalpur for money making!

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JAMALPUR, June 7:—The standard of education and academic environment in most of the Kindergarten (KG) School in Jamalpur town and its outskirts are of lower quality.

The KG schools lack proper accommodation, adequate furniture, waiting rooms and sheds for the guardians, play grounds and sports materials etc which have been hampering congenial academic environment in these school. Many guardians have been worried and frustrated about the future of their children.

Many of them allege that their wards were being deprived of standard education in spite of spending 10 to 12 times more money in KG Schools than that in the government schools.

Sources said many KG

Schools have also sprung up in rural areas along with the ones in the town. More than 35 KG schools have been established in Jamalpur town and its suburbs.

Generally students are admitted to these schools to study from play group to standard five. Some KG Schools provide education from Play to Class XII. Tuition and other fees are abnormally high in these schools.

Besides guardians are to spend a lot of money for school dress, nameplate, batches, khata, school diary, transportation etc. Even then these institutions are not well equipped with furniture like chair, bench desks and black boards. Sometimes six to seven students sit on one bench. A source in a KG school told the Bangladesh Observer on condition of anonymity that these in-

stitutions were also involved in various irregularities. The authorities of these schools maintain secret relationship with different book sellers, tailors and book binders from where they get hand some commission.

Moreover talented and skilled teachers are not available in these institutions as the authority appoint low quality teachers on payment of nominal salary. So, they cannot teach the students properly because they lack in quality education and training.

The students are also deprived of necessary game and sports materials in these institutions.

There has been no arrangement of tiffin for the students especially those who are kids. So, the learners are to go outside to purchase tiffin after crossing roads

and sometimes they fall victim to road accidents. Many KG schools do not intrust homework to the students to practise at their residences. Innocent children sometimes fall victim to maltreatment by the teachers, a guardian alleged.

It is observed that a section of unemployed youths having passed H.S.C B.A examinations have opened KG schools in rural areas of the district to earn money and not to provide quality education to the students.

Moreover, most of these schools have no permission from the authority concerned.

The guardians of the students of these schools would urged upon the government to take proper and immediate steps to stop business in the name of KG schooling.