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Shortage of teachers hampers education in Sylhet MC College

SYLHET, Dec 8:—The Murari Chand (MC) College in Sylhet is one of the top colleges in Bangladesh but now it has so many problems, among which, paucity of teachers is the biggest problem. Of the 139 posts of teachers 38 lie vacant, says BSS.

At the MC College there are Honours and Masters courses in Bengali, English, Philosophy, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and other subjects. There are also HSC (Science) BA, BSS and B.Sc (Pass) courses in which the students are reading in this old college. There are pass honours, Masters in 18 subjects, but there is no subject of commerce so the students are deprived of reading commerce subjects. More posts of teachers should be increased so that student can get opportunity to study in all subjects.

Except a few subjects, there is dearth of teachers in most subjects. So many students are given admission in Social Science, Honours and Master courses but there is no classroom for students to attend classes and only 3 teachers are employed in this subject. External teacher as a makeshift arrangement is taking the classes.

The number of posts in English department is 12, but only six teachers are engaged there. These teachers are to take classes in HSC Pass, Honours and Masters degree. Due to paucity of teachers it becomes difficult to take classes. Most of the time the students are to sit in one room and attend English class, which creates problem.

The number of post in Bengali department is 12, only 5 teachers are engaged. Due to illness a teacher has been absenting and can not take classes. So the only 5 teachers are to take classes in HSC Degree Pass, Honours and Masters degree classes. Even it is not possible to take classes regularly.

According to the regulations of national university the number of teachers should be 12 in numbers,

but now there is no more than 6 teachers. Almost 7000 students are reading in the college. But due to paucity of teachers there is interruption in studies. Besides the dearth of teachers there is no adequate number of officers and staff in the administration department of the college. So teachers have to remain busy in administration work rather than taking classes.

There are not enough books in the library. But fees are taken from the students every year. In the Science laboratory, there is no new equipment so the students are to work with old things. There is no game material in the ladies common room.

The MC College is 3 kilometers from the town and the students are to face hazard, as there are two buses only. More buses are required. There are so many problems in the boys and girls hotel. There is a hospital in the MC College hostel where only one doctor is employed. That doctor is available only once a week. The mosque of the college has problems too, as there is no place for ablution. The mosque is too small to accommodate the large number of Musallis.