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80 high schools facing manifold problems in Noakhali

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MAJDEE COURT, June 9.—At least 80 non-government high schools in six thanas of Noakhali district are beset with innumerable problems hampering education of about 32 thousands students.

The deplorable condition of school buildings, shortage of teachers, furniture and accommodation, absence of playgrounds and library facilities, common rooms and fund constraints are hindering the education of students.

Many school buildings are now in a deplorable condition. Some schools are holding classes in buildings which may collapse at any moment. During the rainy season water trickles through the leakages of the roofs of the buildings.

Besides only 10 per cent schools have one or two storied building while others are housed in tin sheds.

The schools are facing accommodation problem. About 60 per cent schools have no science buildings and lack science equipments.

In the absence of playgrounds in 75 per cent of these school students are denied recreation and facilities.

In most of the schools scarcity of pure drinking water persists for want of tubewells. Only 5 to 7 per cent schools have been facing shortage of text and reference books. There are no separate common rooms for the girls students.

All the high schools excepting a few are facing acute fund crisis. Besides, the schools were damaged in flood, cyclones and storms during the last 5 years have not yet been repaired.

Bridge not repaired

The pucca bridge near Rajganj Bazar under Begumganj thana of

Noakhali district has been lying in a deplorable condition since long causing much sufferings to the people. The movement of the vehicles has also been suspended.

The pucca bridge constructed about 40 years back has been damaged completely. The people and the rickshaws cross the bridge at great risk. The trucks and other vehicles can not cross the bridge.

Rajganj bazar being an important business centre goods and other commercial items are transported by trucks for marketing through this bridge.

The people of the locality urged the concerned authority to reconstruct the bridge as early as possible and to solve problem of thousands of people of the area.