

## BAU female students facing accommodation problem

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, June 21:— The female students of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) have been facing accommodation problem since long as Sultana Razia Hall and its annex building assigned for them can not accommodate the existing students.

There are 3905 male and 783 female students in the university. The university has only 500 seats in the main building and annex buildings of Sultana Razia Hall for female students and 3104 seats for the male students in eight dormitories excluding newly constructed Banga Bandhu Hall. Many students used the canteen rooms and common rooms as hostels and most of the students coming from country side are facing accommodation problem.

The newly constructed four storied Bangabandhu Hall of the university is the largest dormitory of the university. It has 152 rooms with 608 seats. A total of 270 male students have applied for allotment of seats in the Bangabandhu Hall till filling this report. If the dormitory is

inaugurated the accommodation problem of the male students would be solved.

As per decision of the BAU authority no students except allottees are allowed to reside in any hall. Defying the rules, sources said outsiders affiliated with different organisations are staying in different male dormitories. But the rule is strictly followed in the female hall.

Due to lack of adequate seats and strict adherence of rules in the female dormitory the female students have to face serious trouble in managing accommodation.

A female student coming from Dhaka district narrated her sad story to this correspondent as she is facing accommodation problem as she has no relatives in Mymensingh town or the adjacent area.

She alleged that some girls were contacting political leaders to solve their problems.

Another girl from Rajshahi district who got admission into BAU has been forced to reside in a mess of the town as she failed to

get accommodation in the dormitory of the university.

A high official of the university authority said the main cause of accommodation problem was session jam and they had taken necessary measures to reduce the session jam.

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