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Work of 11 schools in Maulvibazar incomplete

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MAULVIBAZAR, Dec. 26:— The development and construction work of 11 government primary schools and 3 high school buildings in Maulvibazar district have been left incomplete since the 1983-84 financial years.

The schools are Shingrakali, Patanushar and Utsmanghar government primary schools under Kamalganj Upazila, Kashipur, Chatigaon Jawa and Bhujbal primary schools under Rajnagar upazila, Haripur Kumarshail Durgapur and Ehandpur primary schools under Barlekha upazila, the government high school under sadar upazila and science building of Sagarnal High School and Bukshimol High School under Kulaura Upazila.

In connection an investigation was conducted in presence of a magistrate to identify the actual position of those schools left incomplete since 1983-84 financial years. It reveals that only five to twelve per cent of the construction work has been executed and eighty to hundred per cent of the tendered money has been paid to contractors without any progress of the work and the continuity

work has been suspended after the payment of the bills. The contractors are also absconding from the sites.

According to an official source actions are being taken against the contractors and officials involved in the misappropriation and misuse of development fund amounting to over Taka 30 lakh. The source added that tender for the completion of the school buildings are invited again and decision for rest of the incomplete buildings will be taken later on.

It may be mentioned here that overall development work of the primary and high school buildings in

Maulvibazar district was not satisfactory.

As for examples Mr. Delwar Hossain the then Chief Engineer of Education Department who investigated into Gajiteka Primary School and Shabajpur Primary school under Barlekha upazila found that the construction work of these two school buildings at an estimated cost of taka 3 lakh each was not as per schedule or specification and did not approve the work done by the contractors. But no proper action has yet been taken to recover the money spent for construction work.