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388 primary teachers not getting govt benefit

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Dec. 24: At least 388 teachers of 97 primary schools in five upazilas of the district are not getting the govt. benefit since January last, it is learnt.

According to the District Education Officer, the government had sanctioned Taka 2000 for four teachers of each registered primary school as monthly benefit.

The teachers said in a meeting held recently that primary teachers of other districts received the benefit up to June.

The District Education Officer, could not furnish any reason for non-payment of the benefit.

Satkhira

Our Satkhira correspondent states: Eighty per cent government

primary schools in 7 upazilas of Satkhira district have been facing setback creating obstacles in imparting education to the children.

There are 2,25,000 students in 689 government primary and 133 non-government primary schools in the district. There are 1700 teachers in these schools. But at present, the number of teachers is inadequate to meet the requirement.

The dilapidated condition of most of the primary school buildings and inadequacy of furniture, scarcity of teachers are ascribed as the main causes of deterioration in the standard of education.

Besides, abnormal high price of paper and other educational appliances, financial crisis and poverty are the main causes for decreasing the number of students.

The primary schools which have been damaged by floods, storms, cyclones and natural calamity during the last few years, have not yet been repaired.

Noapara

Our Noapara correspondent says: At least 152 newly appointed primary teachers in different government primary schools in Jessore district have been deprived of their monthly salary for last six-months.

According to a source, in 1987, the Primary Education Directorate had appointed at least 8000 primary teachers (including 152 in Jessore) all over the country.

Narail

Our Narail correspondent adds: The teachers of govt primary schools throughout the district are not getting their salary for last 7 months.

The authority appointed 70 teachers in three upazilas of Narail district. The teachers drew their salary regularly but all on a sudden the salary of 70 teachers has been stopped.

The teachers have been passing their days in financial crisis.

Pabna

UNB reports from Pabna: At least 171 posts of primary school teachers have been lying vacant hampering education in the district.

According to an official source, of the total, 60 posts of headmasters are lying vacant for a long time negating Universal Primary Education Programme of the government.

Moreover, many schools have been facing acute shortage of educational appliances and drinking water facilities are also quite unsatisfactory.

Besides, most of the schools are in dilapidated condition. During the rainy season the situation worsens.