

## Primary education faces problems

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COMILLA: Most of the government primary schools in Muradnagar upazila under

Comilla district are faced with various problems.

There are 149 government primary schools in 21 unions under the upazila. These schools lack proper educational facilities. Most of the schools also have no playground and tube wells. Out of 695 sanctioned of teachers in the upazila 653 teachers are now working 42 posts of teachers including those of 11 headmasters are lying vacant.

The number of primary school age children in the upazila is 60,025 including 25,915 girls. Of them 48,520 including 19,290 girls have been enrolled in primary schools.

According to the upazila primary education office about 85 percent of the primary school age students have been enrolled under the Universal Primary Education Scheme. Shortage of furniture and teaching aid is found in almost all the primary schools in the

upazila. With the increase in the enrolment of students in every school accommodation problem has become acute. In 30 government schools the problem is critical. These schools have no proper physical facilities.

The government recently constructed some new school buildings with provisions of 3 class rooms and one office room each at a cost of about Taka 4 lacks each. But the class rooms of most of the schools are too small to accommodate the growing number of students.

Shortage of furniture in the schools is a common problem in the upazila.

Only 30 pairs of benches are available for about 700 students in Durgaram Government Primary School located at upazila sadar. Students attend their classes sitting on the floor.