

Standard of secondary education deteriorating in Maulvibazar

From Our Correspondent

MAULVIBAZAR, Dec. 5: The average standard of secondary education in Maulvibazar district has deteriorated. There are about 100 non-government high schools in all the six thanas of the district. But these schools are beset with innumerable problems hampering education about 40 thousand students.

According to survey, educated persons do not take up teaching at the non-government secondary schools as their profession because the salary of teachers in schools is meager. Besides, a good number of schools of the district cannot pay 30 percent salary to teachers due to lack of necessary funds. Moreover there is a government ban to increased tuition fees of the students and the institutions have no other source of income. So teachers who have no proper qualifications have been engaged in the non-government high schools.

Good English language teachers and good Arithmetic teachers are not available in the non-government high schools. As a result the S.S.C. examinees are compelled to adopt unfair means in the examinations due to the deteriorating trend of teaching in the secondary educational institutions. Meanwhile experienced Science teachers are very few in these schools.

The private coaching has been commercialised in a large scale throughout the district. The teachers being tired with their private coaching, can hardly give full attention to their students in the classes.

The schools do not have their own syllabus. Besides, questions papers are not made by the respective institutions. Erroneous questions papers are brought from various commercial questions sellers at cheap rate though the examination fees is collected from the students at very high rate, guardian alleged.

Classes are not held during the first 3/4 months of the academic

year excusing due to non-availability of the govt. approved book list. Some times books are not available in the market even after receiving the book list.

Students are much affected as classes remain postponed for about 20/25 days in almost all the schools of district and thana headquarters which are used as S.S.C. examination centres. In addition, these schools also remain closed as Ramadan vacation for long. For this, First terminal examination is held practically without completing even one-fourth portion of the syllabus.

Proper attention is given regarding class promotion. It is observed that only 15 to 20 percent qualify themselves in all subjects and the rest are promoted to next classes though they are unsuccessful in 3 to 4 subjects year after year. Because with basically weak student have to adopt unfair means in the internal examination as well as S.S.C. examinations.

The Headmasters do not make class visit regularly and as a result the teachers do not perform their duties in the classes according to the principle of education.

The teachers do not follow modern method of teaching. They import lesson in the classes without any lesson plan.

Homework is not given to the students. It seems that it is out of use at present.

Merit is not judged at the time of admission of students in the different classes, specially in those schools where the enrollment has fallen remarkably.

The practical classes in the science laboratories are held nominally and practical work are not performed properly.

The classes routine which is made for the whole year is not sufficient to the total syllabus, specially the syllabus of first terminal examination cannot be completed properly. Besides, class routines are not made on the basis of recognised principles.

The authority in most of the schools, fails to ensure to regular attendance of the students in the schools. They are found completely reluctant regarding this important matter.

A few schools have library but these are not functioning well. Library fees are collected as usual but books are not distributed among the students.

Guardians said, if the authority concerned, do not take any necessary action relating to these problems and not mitigate students suffering immediately, the average rate and standard of secondary education in Maulvibazar district will be miserable.

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