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Enrolment of children in primary schools in N'ganj up

NARAYANGANJ, Jan 10 : Enrolment of destitute and needy children in the free primary schools in the district has increased to 93 per cent against the target of 95 per cent under the food for education programme during the last two years, reports BSS.

According to district primary education office sources, school admission of students of impoverished section of the district was about 65 per cent during the year 1992.

With the introduction of Food for Education Programme, in the compulsory primary education from July 1993, the enrolment of students in the attendance register has shot up and drop-outs from classes have declined, the sources said.

A total of 122 free primary schools covering 11 unions in five police stations of the district have been brought under the Food for Education Programme since the introduction of the system.

The police stations are Narayanganj Sadar, Bandar, Songaraon, Rupganj and Araihazar.

The sources said the headman of the family of each student is getting minimum 15 kg of wheat per month to encourage the underprivileged children for education.

The student must show his presence in the school attendance register 24 days in a month except some special occasions, the sources said.

It was estimated that a total of 451 metric tonnes of wheat is being disbursed in 122 primary schools in the district per month.

A total of Taka one lakh twenty thousand is also spent as carrying and distribution cost.

The members of the school managing committee disburse the wheat among the recipients.

Children belonging to the family of destitute and widow, daily labourer, fishermen, cobblers, potters and landless farmers have been included under the food for education programme.