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## 9 lakh children deprived of primary education in N. districts

From Our Correspondent  
PANCHAGARI, Oct 24:  
About 9 lakh children of 16 northern districts are deprived

of Primary Education due to shortage of teachers, accommodation, necessary educational materials and the poverty of the guardians.

The number of school going children in the 16 districts is 42,30,904 of whom 33,37,347 are studying in 9262 government primary schools and 2872 non-government primary schools and 8,93,557 are deprived of primary education in these 16 districts.

The districts are Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Rangpur, Joypurhat, Bogra, Sirajganj, Pabna, Nagaon, Nawabganj, Natore and Rajshahi.

As many as 2312 post of primary school teachers have been lying vacant for long time in 16 districts. Official sources said of the total posts 761 are of headmasters and the rest 1551 are of assistant teachers.