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Student dropout in remote primary schools of Barguna up

From Our Correspondent

BARGUNA, Nov. 16: A large number of children of remote villages aged between eight to twelve years in five police stations under Barguna district remain engaged in different petty jobs instead of going to schools. As a result, continuous dropout of school going children in remote primary schools in the district is increasing day after day.

Poverty stricken farmers

instead of sending their children to schools, prefer to engage them in some income oriented works like labourer, cattle grazing or rickshaw-puller etc. As a result, in a tender age, the children are compelled to engage in different works rendering physical labour in exchange of poor remuneration.

Most of the farmers in the district either marginal or landless can not afford educational expenditure of their children. Many of them dislike education for their children because they are illiterate by inheritance. Father himself encourages the children to involve in any kind of job for a handful of rice or for petty earnings.

Maximum farmers possess

six to ten children under the cover of so-called family planning. Facing overburden of livelihood farmers engage their children in any kind of work from childhood. In the consequence such children turn into farm labourers and earn as little as possible for their poverty stricken families.

During crop harvesting season a large number of farm labourers go to distant places in search of work where they could get some more wages.

Hence, primary schools in the remote areas of the district are facing acute shortage of students and the problem is being intensified day by day. The authority concerned along with the teachers of primary schools are found most callous and indifferent in this respect for reasons known only to God.