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## Special facilities for tribal school children

Times Report

The education authorities have recently implemented some special projects expanding the physical facilities of three government high schools, and six primary schools in greater Chittagong Hill Tracts region.

The Taka-3.82 crore projects were aimed at attracting tribal children of the Hill Tracts region of school in larger numbers. In the region excepting the Chakmas who are sending children to schools in increasing numbers, most

others tribes are still keeping a majority of their children away from educational institutions.

The special projects, implemented by the Department of Facilities of the Ministry of Education, included construction of six hostels for students of Bandarban, Khagrachari, and Rangamati Government High Schools, development of the Khagrachari and Bandarban Government High School buildings, and development of

hostels for six primary schools in the region.

The three government high schools that have been provided with two hostels each will be able to give residential accommodation to 125 students including 50 girls each.

The borders in the hostels of these schools enjoy the facility of free messing, uniform, text books, learning materials, and medicine.

For free messing of each secondary school student the government is spending Taka 400 per month. Each student also gets Taka 600 per year by way of facilities like learning materials and medical facilities, a reliable source told the Times.

The six hostels constructed for six government primary schools also have the capacity to accommodate 125 children each. Of the 125 borders in each hostel 50 will be girls.

The recurring expenditure for the primary school students enjoying residential accommodation include, messing charge at the rate of Taka 300 per student per month, and 400 per year spent by way of giving each student school uniform, learning materials and medicine free of cost, in addition to supply of free text books, the source added.