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No girls school in 110 rural upazilas

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Establishment of a separate full-fledged girl's high school in each upazila head quarter's having no girl's high school till now is needed for full fruition of the programme of administrative re-organisation and decentralisation.

The introduction of upazila system has necessitated the need for establishment of a girl's high school in the upazila headquarter's where at present no girl's high school exist. Till date 110 out of 396 rural upazila headquarter's still remain without girl's high school.

Upazilas where there is no girl's high school are: Comilla-Barhmanpara upazila, Chandpur-Sharasti upazila, Chittagong-Lohagora upazila, Cox's Bazar, Ukhia and Teknaf upazila, Feni Dagonbhulian upazila, Sylhet, Biswanath, Kanai-ghat, Gowainghat, Jaintapur upazila, Habiganj, Lakhai, Bahubul upazilas, Sunamganj, Sullah, Deral, Tahirpur, Jamal-ganj, Dharmapasa, Company-ganj upazilas, Narayanganj, Sonargaon, Bandar, Fatullah upazilas, Narsingdi, Belabo and Palash upazilas, Tangail, Del-duar, Sharshipur, Bahadurabad upazilas, Jamalpur, Sharisha-

bari, Jajahira, Bukshiganj upazilas, Sherpur, Jhenigati upazilas, Mymensingh, Fulbaria upazila, Kishoreganj, Itna, Nikli, Tarail, Austagram, Mitamoiyn, Bigli upazilas, Netrakona, Kalmakandi, Atpara, Purbadhola, Kendua, Dhobatia, Khaliaguri, Gonnaura upazilas, Faridpur, Sadarpur, Nagarkanda, Boalmari, Madhukhali, Char bhadrason upazilas, Gopalganj, Kotalipara, Kashiani upazilas, Madaripur, Gosairhat upazila, Rajbari, Goalundo upazila, Shariatpur, Palong, Jajira, Bhedarganj, Gosairhat upazilas, Rajshahi, Boalia, Durgapur upazilas, Naogaon, Niamatpur, Mohadebpur, Dhamairhat, Parsa, Shapahar upazilas, Bogra, Sonatola upazila, Joypurhat upazila, Pabna, Kashimpur upazila, Sirajganj, Chowhali, Kumarkandi upazilas, Rangpur, Dighinala, Taraganj, Gaibandha, Fulchharo, Kurigram, Sat-mohor, Char Rajibpur upazilas, Lalmonirhat, Azizmari upazilas, Dinajpur, Chirir Bandar, Birampur, Kashimpur upazilas, Thakurgaon, Haripur, Balidanga upazilas, Panchagarh, Tetulia upazila, Khulna, Rupsa, Dacope, Kashra, Ballaghat, Katiaghat upazilas, Satkhira, Dehat, Ashasuni upazilas, Bagerhat, Mongla upazilas, Jessore, Baghargara, Chowgacha upazilas, Magura, Salikha upazila,

Jhenidah, Harinakunda upazila, Barishat, Agailjhara, Indurkandi upazilas, Patuakhali, Dashmina, Khapura upazilas and Bhola, Monpura and Tajumuddin upazila.

The need for setting up of a separate full-fledged girl's high school in those upazila headquarter's having no girl's high school had also been felt by the government from the very inception of the decentralisation system. Meanwhile, three years have passed since a directive in this regard was issued, but no efforts have been made.

It may be mentioned that the government has recently "nationalised" at least 30 existing girl's high schools located at upazila headquarter's and fund have also been sanctioned for development of a large number of the existing girl's high school situated in the rural areas.

But Government alone cannot be expected to shoulder the whole responsibility. So to get the benefit of "nationalisation" and financial help from the government local social and community leaders must come forward to establish a girl's high school in each of the upazila headquarter's where there is yet no girl's high school.