

Problems plague Patiya schools

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PATIYA: Shortage of teachers, lack of proper maintenance of school buildings and classroom furnitures and problem of accommodation plagues primary education of about 17,000 children of the Bandarban district.

Nearly 207 posts of primary teachers have been lying vacant for a pretty long time. According to official statistics, there are in all 517 post of teachers for 17,241 students but failure to appoint 207 teachers is badly hampering teaching. Due to lack of proper maintenance the condition of most of the buildings of 207 schools in seven upazilas is pitiable. Cracks have developed in roofs of most of the buildings and

during the rainy season rain water trickle through the cracks creating inconvenience to the student. Most of the schools do not have adequate number of benches and chairs. Some schools do not have proper doors or windows.

In quite a lot of cases the teachers have to take their classes under open sky for want of classrooms. The present school buildings need immediate renovation and expansion to meet the over increasing pressure of admission seekers.