

The poor state of a primary school

The Garakhola Primary School under Kasiani upazila in Gopalganj district is about 20 years old. It was established during the Pakistan period and was registered as Government Primary School soon after the independence of Bangladesh.

There were inadequate seating arrangements for both students and teachers when the school came into being and almost 14 years have passed since it got Govt. registration, but the situation has not yet improved. After registration the Govt. has allocated a large

amount of Taka for the school to build a tin shed house the construction of which has been completed some four years ago.

But the Govt. neither issued the school with necessary furniture i.e. bench, chair, table, blackboard, cupboard, duster, etc., nor allotted any good amount of money to arrange the same locally under the supervision of school management committee.

There are five classes in the school which have a minimum of 300 students but there are only three benches for the students to sit on. Due to lack of benches, students often bring their mats and branches of trees with large leaves with them to sit on during the school hours. The teachers

have to remain standing during class hours. The teachers cannot teach the students properly as there is no blackboard and chalk-duster. Now the sufferings and troubles of the students and the teachers of the school know no bound.

There is only one chair and one bench in the teachers' room. The headmaster and the associate teachers sit on the chair

and on the bench respectively. There is only one dilapidated table in the teachers' room which is about to fall on the ground at any moment. The old registers and the files are kept on a thin mat placed at a corner in the teachers' room as there is no cupboard to keep them in. These files and registers are being damaged due to lack of proper maintenance and care.

The school authority has brought their existing problems to the notice of the competent higher authorities and requested to supply the school with required furniture. But the demand of the school is yet to be realised.

In view of the aforesaid circumstances, I would like to draw the attention of all the concerned authorities to look into the situation of the school physically and to extend all possible help to mitigate the sufferings and miseries of the students.

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