

Primary teachers confce held at Narsingdi

From Our Correspondent

NARSINGDI, Jan. 11: A conference of primary school teachers of Narsingdi Sub-division was held at the Narsingdi Thana Training and Development Centre auditorium on January 7.

Presided over by Mr. Nurul Haque, General Secretary Narsingdi Subdivisional Unit of Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association (BPTA), the conference was addressed among others, by Messrs. Zayedul Haque, Abdul Mannan Molla, Abdul Awal, Nurul Islam, Abul Kashem and Zahirul Haque.

The speakers in the conference discussed various problems of primary teachers of the country and urged the Government for their immediate solution.

The conference in a resolution expressed concern over the reported Government plan to bring the management of primary schools of the country under the supervision of Union Parishads and said the plan was quite unwise. The conference urged the Government to abandon plans of this kind, if any. It also called upon the BPTA to take up the matter with the Government.

PROVIDENT FUND

In another resolution the conference deplored that an air of uncertainty prevailed over the fate of Provident Fund of the teachers as they are contributing to the Fund regularly against which they had no accounts to their credit. In this context they urged the Government to stop monthly deductions from the

teachers' salaries till their accounts were regularised and put in proper perspective as per Government circular.

RECREATION

In yet another resolution the conference regretted that the primary teachers of the subdivision were not getting the annual recreation allowance allowed under the standing order of the Government for reasons best known to the authorities concerned. It demanded provision of recreation allowance at an early date.

EMPANELLED TEACHERS

The conference alleged that the empanelled teachers had yet to get appointment from the Dacca District Primary Education Office though they duly came out successful in both written and viva voce tests in 1978. It said the empanelled teachers of other districts have already been appointed in their respective districts. What is the hitch in this district is beyond their knowledge. The conference said many of the empanelled teachers are going to be age barred waiting for employment. Although there exist a large number of vacancies throughout district these are not being filled up.

On the other hand it is reported that the District Office is going to prepare a fresh panel of teachers for appointment. The conference, therefore, demanded that no new panel should be made till the primary teachers of the '78 panel are appointed.