

## Appalling state of BM College dorm

*The situation is unacceptable*

**W**E are appalled to note the dilapidated condition in which students of Government BM College, Barisal, are forced to live because the authorities have failed to complete the building of its new residence on time. It is deeply disturbing that its completion has already taken a couple years longer than was originally planned, and that too after a clear instruction of the concerned minister to quickly ready the building for the use of students. As a result, one of the dorms now house thrice the number it was meant to accommodate, and in conditions, we believe, that are unfit for human habitation.

It is indeed no less shocking that students have to live in a dorm where there are rifts in the walls and cracks in the roof. If such is the state of one of the oldest and most illustrious institutions of the country, it is fair to ponder about the living conditions of the dorms of similar public institutions.

The incident clearly highlights gross negligence on the part of the concerned department. What else, we may ask, can explain the three-year delay in the completion of a building, and that too in the heart of the divisional headquarters?

This cannot be allowed to continue. The authorities should realise the sufferings that the students are going through and immediately ease them by finishing the work of the under construction dormitory. We demand the authorities create a congenial environment for studies not only in this but in all other educational institutions.