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Shortage of teachers in Faridpur primary schools

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FARIDPUR, Sept 26: Government and non-government primary schools in the district have been facing shortage of teachers and accommodation problem for students for a long time, hampering the academic activities.

Faridpur has 1,083 primary schools, including 543 government primary schools. Of the government schools, 42 schools have been running without head masters for a long period. Besides, 36 posts of assistant teachers have been lying vacant, causing great inconveniences to imparting education properly.

According to government rules, the ratio of the teacher and the students should be 1:50. But in reality, the ratio varies between 1:100 and 1:150.

Most of the government primary schools have been facing acute accommodation problem. In these schools, four or five students have to share a bench meant for two.

Moreover, four thanas--Sadarpur, Madhukhali, Al-fadanga and Char Bhadrasan--have been running without assistant thana education officer

(ATEC), for a long time, hampering administrative activities.

A total of 33,158 students of 254 government and non-government schools under 18 unions in eight thanas are enjoying the benefits of Food for Education Programme. Each student is getting 15 kg of wheat per month under the programme.

Annual dropout rate of these schools is 10 per cent, according to official report. But unofficial sources said the dropout rate is 25 per cent.