College smarting under problems

From Our Correspondent

LALMONIRHAT, Feb. 3:— The Patgram JUKAG Degree College under Lalmonirhat subdivision is beset with multifarious problems. As a result, the sufferings of the students, guardians and the teachers know no bounds.

The college was founded in 1968 on the initiative of some local educationists. But after the liberation of Bangladesh the number of students decreased considerably. As a result, the financial problem of the college became acute.

There are about five hundred students in the current 1983-84 session and for whom 21 teachers have been engaged. Moreover, there are ten employees. About twenty-eight thousand Taka are required monthly to meet the expenditure including Taka ten thousand for office maintenance and other expenses. So, the annual requirement is about Taka two lakh fortyfive thousand. But, in 1982—83 session Taka seventy two thousand only was collected as students fees and from other sources Taka one lakh two thousand two hundred eighty three was managed. For this the teachers are not getting salaries for the last four months.

In the past, the college used to collect money from various other sources like exhibition, jatra and agriculture. But those sources have been closed since 1978.

The reconstruction of damaged hostel building has been lying incomplete for want of necessary funds. There is no separate reading room for the students although there are rare collection of books in the library. There is also an acute shortage of games and sports equipment in the college.

The results of Intermediate and Degree classes of this college are satisfactory. But there is no arrangement for B.Sc course and for this the science students have been suffering much. Not only that there is no demonstrators in any science department.

The relevant authorities have been urged to look into the matter immediately to ameliorate the sufferings of the teachers, students and guardians of the locality.