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Shortage of teachers at Rajbari College

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RAJBARI: Studies at the Rajbari Government College is being hampered to a great extent because of shortage of teachers.

Twenty posts of teachers out of 50 sanctioned posts have been lying vacant for a long time. Those are in English, Bengali, General History, Political Science, Philosophy, Economics, Accountancy, Management, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Botany departments and also four posts of demonstrators and one librarian. The post of a full Professor was sanctioned for the College, but none has so far been appointed.

About 2,000 students study in the college. Whereas 32 classrooms are required there is only 12.

It may be mentioned that the construction of the Library building by the Facilities Department has remained incomplete for the last 10 months due to lack of initiative of the authority concerned. The Science La-

boratory as well as the gallery building of the college is now on the verge of ruin because of lack of repairs. The building which was constructed 150 years ago is not suitable for holding practical classes of the students because of its present dismal condition. Cracks have developed in the roof and walls of the building and water during showers trickle through causing damage to valuable science apparatus.

A large number of students, both male and female have been suffering for want of residential accommodation in the college as there are only three hostel buildings having 60 seats in total. An abandoned house is being used as a hostel, but it lacks even the minimum amenities.

The College has no residential quarters for the teachers and Vice-Principal.

PRY BOOKS NOT DISTRIBUTED

RAJBARI: A large number of primary books meant for free distribution among primary stu-

dents have been lying unutilised in different godowns of Upazila Education Offices.

Huge number of primary books have been supplied to different upazilas in accordance with the requisition. It is alleged that the relevant departments do not distribute these books properly as a result of which many books remain unutilised.

While visiting a godown of Pansa Education Office, this correspondent found over 8,000 primary text books lying there for years together. A source of the said Education Office said the books were stockpiled in the godown during the period from 1982 to 1988. The books will be sold in auction after getting approval of the higher authorities the sources added. Meanwhile, a large number of primary books are available in the open market. A teacher of Rajbari Government Primary School was caught red-handed by local people when he was selling some books in the market. He was later released after paying a fine of Tk 1,000.