

Teachers, accommodation shortage in Bagerhat P.C. College

From Our Correspondent

BAGERHAT, Sept. 10.—The students of Bagerhat Government Profulla Chandra College have been suffering a lot due to shortage of teachers, class rooms, hostel accommodation, library facilities, office staff for a long time.

Established in 1918, the college introduced honours courses in English, History, Mathematics and Sanskrit in 1924 and subsequently, in Arabic, Economics, Political Science and Bengali. It has brilliant academic records both under Calcutta and Rajshahi Universities. But after the emergence of Bangladesh, with the exception of Bengali, honours courses in all other subjects were discontinued due to financial crisis. As a result, the students of the locality used to go to Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal for higher education.

The college was nationalised in 1979. The students very much expected that all their problems would be solved. But nothing was done practically by the Government for the betterment of the college as well as for the local students after the nationalisation. After a long awaiting honours courses were intro in 13 more subjects excluding Bengali in 1997. At present there are honours courses in Bengali, English, Economics, Political Science, History, Islamic History & Culture, Philosophy, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Accountancy and Management. But no new post was created in the college by the authority concerned. Now there are 14 honours department and 2 pass course departments in the college. According to the Enum Commission, their should be at least 7 posts of teachers in every honours department and 4 posts in every pass course department. So, the number of posts of teachers in the college should be 107 including 14 posts of Professors, 16 posts of Assitt. Professors and 46 posts of Lecturers. But at present there are only one post of Professor (excluding the posts of Principal and Vice-Principal), 16 posts of Associate Professors, 17 posts of Assistant Professors and 31 posts of lecturers. But it is a matter of regret that many of these sanctioned posts of teachers are vacant for a long period. There are 1 teacher in Botany instead of 4, 2 in Zoology instead of 4, 2 in Political Science instead of 4, 2 in History in lieu of 4, 3 in Chemistry instead of 4, 3 in Physics in lieu of 4, 3 in Mathematics instead of 4, 2 in English instead of 4, 5 in Bengali in lieu of 7, 1 in Sanskrit instead of 2, 3 in Accounting in lieu of 4

and 3 in Management instead of 4. The post of Vice-Principal is also vacant. But no step has yet been taken by the authority concerned to fill up these vacant posts.

Head Assistant or head clerk, accountant and cashier are very essential to run the college administration. But these three posts are vacant for a long time. As a result, students are suffering badly.

Besides, there are acute shortage of class rooms in the college, so classes cannot be taken properly when all the students of different faculties remain present. The main Arts Building was built in the year 1920 with bricks and mud on emergency basis. It is in a dilapidated condition although some repairs were done in the mean time, its doors and windows were damaged. This Arts Building should be demolished and if a three storied build is constructed there the accommodation problem for the students of Arts and Commerce faculties may be solved. Condition of the double storied Science Building constructed after the liberation is not at all satisfactory. Innumerable cracks appeared on its beams and columns of the building due to defective construction work.

Library

A new double storied library building was constructed in the collage a few years ago by the Facilities Department. There is a huge number of books. But this library cannot be used for want a librarian. The post of a librarian is vacant for long. But no initiative has yet been taken by the authority concerned for the benefits of the students. A part time man was appointed by the college authority on master roll basis took for the library.

College hostel

At present about 50 per cent students of this college are girls. But there is no hostel for the girl students. So, a hostel is badly needed for the girl students in the campus immediately. There are only three hostels in the college for 3,000 students. These cannot cope with the situation. So another double storied hostel should be constructed for the male students.

Auditorium

There is no auditorium in this a pioneer college. The foundation stone of the auditorium was laid by the then Sub-divisional officer

of Bagerhat, in 1964, by now 32 years have passed yet the auditorium has not seen the light of the day. The college park known as Ram Narayan Park is now a grazing ground for domestic animals. All iron fencing and iron

frames of benches were stolen after the partition of the Sub-continent and it was finally destroyed during the liberation war in 1971.

No common room

The college has no common room for the male students. So, they are loitering hither and thither, causing much inconveniences to the teachers to take classes smoothly.

College bus

Begum Khaleda Zia, the then Prime Minister donated a 52 seated Hino Bus to the students of the College for their transport facilities. But only one bus cannot cope with the situation. The students of the college will be highly benefited if the present Govt. donates a 52 seated bus to the college.

Students, guardians and the local elite have demanded due attention of the relevant authority to the manifold problems faced by the college.

BCL factional clash at Fakirhat

At least 3 persons were injured when a clash took place and bombs were blasted between the two rival groups of Chhatra League over the changing of the name of College, situated at Fakirhat Thana (Sadar in Bagerhat district on September 7.

According to the police, when Sk. Ali Ahmed, former Upazila Chairman of Fakirhat along with some leaders and workers of local Chhatra League tried to change the name plate of College, Sardar Niamat Ali, the former President of Fakirhat Thana Awami League accompanied by some local leaders and workers of Chhatra League opposed him and consequently a clash took place between the two groups. Then the two groups brought out two separate processions in Fakirhat town and at one stage when the procession met each other at a place 4 bombs were blasted by the two groups and chasing and counter chasing were taken place. As a result, Musum (24), Mintu (19) and Arif (18) were injured. Police, however, brought the situation under control. The agitated students of the college declared to boycott the classes for an indefinite period of time.

Mention be made here that in the year 1986 Governing Body of the College being influenced by the then Education Secretary, Kazi Azahar Ali named the college as 'Kazi Azahar Ali College' instead of 'Fakirhat College'.

সাতক্ষীরা সরকারি মহিলা কলেজ অধ্যক্ষকে বদলি

সাতক্ষীরা প্রতিনিধি :- ছাত্রীদের আন্দোলনের মুখে অবশেষে সাতক্ষীরা সরকারি মহিলা কলেজ অধ্যক্ষ আব্দুল মুতালিব চৌধুরীকে বদলি করা হয়েছে। ব্যাপক দুর্নীতিও অসদাচরণের অভিযোগে ছাত্রীরা গত ১৪ জুলাই থেকে অধ্যক্ষের অপসারণ দাবিতে আন্দোলন করে আসছিল। দায়িত্বশীল সূত্রে বলাছে, অধ্যক্ষ আব্দুল মুতালিবকে কলারোয়া সরকারি কলেজে বদলি করা হয়েছে।