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## Shortage of efficient teachers in schools

# Standard of education falls in secondary institutions

From Our Correspondent

PANCHAGARH, June 9:—The secondary education is being hampered due to inadequate educational equipments, shortage of teachers and lack of proper maintenance of schools in five thanas of the district.

There are 243 educational institutions including 202 non-govt Secondary Schools and 41 Madrashas in the district. The thana-wise institutions are as follows: Panchagarh Sadar 64, Boda 54, Beligonj 44, Tetulia 37 and Atowari 44.

The maximum number of schools is in critical condition due to shortage of teachers lack of repair and manifold problems.

The maximum number of school and madrashas are housed in tinsheeds. During the heavy rainfall sufferings the learners and teachers reached climax. The condition of some old science laboratories is miserable and some schools have no benches tables chairs and almirahs.

The qualified and meritorious persons do not take up teaching at the non-government secondary school due to the lack of facilities like gratuity, house rent, bonus and pension which are given in government school.

Besides the school authorities cannot pay 20 per cent salary to teachers due to lack of funds. There is a government ban to increase tuition fees of the students and the institutions have no other source of income. The teachers who have no proper qualifications have been engaged in the non-government high school.

English language teachers and good arithmetic teachers are not available in the non-government high

schools. As a result the SSC examinees are compelled to adopt unfair means in the examination halls due to the deterioration of teaching experienced science teachers are very few in these schools.

The private coaching has been commercialised the district. The teachers tried with private coaching can hardly give full attention to their students in the classes.

The schools do not have their own syllabus. Besides question papers are not made by the respective institutions. Erroneous question papers are bought from various commercial question setters at cheap rate though the examination fees is collected from the students at high rate guardian alleged.

Classes are not held during the 4 to 5 month of the academic year on the pretext of nonavailability of the govt approved books. Education of the students is affected as classes remained closed for about 20 days in almost all the schools of the district

and thana Headquarters which are used as SSC Examinations centres.

In additional to these, schools also remained closed as Ramadan vacation. For this first terminal examination is held without completing even one-fourth portion of the syllabus.

The Headmasters do not visit classes regularly and as a result the teachers do not perform their duties in the classes properly.

The teachers do not follow modern-methods of teaching they impart lesson in the classes without any plan. Home task is not given to the students.

A few schools have library but these are not functioning well. Library fees are collected as usual but books are not distributed among the students.

Guardians said if the authority concerned do not take necessary action to solve these problems, The standard of education in Panchagarh district will fall.