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## Number of dropouts in primary schools increasing

NATORE, Mar 14 : The number of dropout children in primary schools is increasing day by day in the district as they are compelled to engage in different odd jobs for their livelihood, says UNB.

According to sources, a large number of children aged between 8 and 12 years are being engaged in income generating works like day labourers, cow boys or rickshaw-pullers.

Most of the parents who think their children as helping hands to earn money, cannot afford the educational expenses of their children and due to lack of consciousness, do not encourage education for their children, it is learnt.

Consequently such children

who turn into labourers and earn bread for their poverty stricken families, get poor wages in exchange of hard labour.

Moreover, a large number of farm labourers with their children go distance places in search of work to get more wages during the harvesting season.

Meanwhile, primary schools of the remote areas have been facing shortage of students hampering the programme of Education For All by the year 2000.

Local elite have urged the authorities concerned to take proper steps for arousing consciousness among the poor guardians to educate their children for the success of the programme.