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Financial crisis hits Sher-e-Bangla Library

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Jan. 30.—Faridpur Sher-e-Bangla Public Library has been facing acute monetary crisis for a long time.

The Library established in 1950 with the untiring efforts of Alhaj Abdullah Zahiruddin (Lal Mia) has been catering to mental needs of the people of different tastes.

The library has 20,000 books of which 1953 are for college students. The library subscribes to six dailies, 7 weeklies and 3 monthlies regularly for all sections of readers. It remains open from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on every six day of the week and remains closed on Friday.

There are four salaried employees besides an Honorary Librarian to run the library to the benefit of the readers.

An amount of Taka 54,000 is required yearly to meet the expenses including salaries of the employees, electricity and newspaper bills.

There are in all 150 members of

the library of whom 100 student members and 50 non-student members.

An amount of Taka 2700 comes as yearly subscription from 150 members at the rate of Taka 15 for every student members and Taka 25 for non-student member. The government's yearly grant amounts to Taka 15,000. The District Council grants Taka 6,000 every year for meeting the receiving expenses of the library.

It is found that the yearly income of the library is only Taka 23,750 including the Government grant of Taka 15,000 which is exclusively meant for the purchase of books.

But the yearly expenditure stands at Taka 54,000. If no money is spent on the purchase of books and the entire amount of income is spent for meeting the expenditure, the library incurs a deficit of Taka 30,250 yearly.