

BARISAL DIVISION

Post of headmasters vacant at 1,977 govt pry schools

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AT LEAST 1,977 posts of headmasters are vacant at government primary schools in six districts of Barisal division, which is hampering primary education process and administrative works in the division.

Barisal divisional primary education office sources said there are 6,168 government primary schools in Barisal division and about one third of them are operating without headmasters.

Although, the government is developing the infrastructure of the primary schools every year but failed to fill up the posts timely and develop the monitoring system of primary education, said Masud Ahmed,

president of Babuganj upazila government primary school teachers association.

Vacant post of the headmaster in government primary school of Barisal division not only decreasing standard of the basic education but also creating administrative problem, said Zahanara Begum, a teacher of a government primary school in Kedarpur of Babuganj upazila in Barisal.

A government primary school runs with average four teachers and out of those four if one vital post like headmaster lies vacant for long, it automatically creates academic and administrative problem, said Mahbub E Elahi, deputy director of divisional office of Department of Primary Education.

The posts fell vacant due to resignation of the headmasters after getting better jobs in other sectors, retirement and unnecessary transfer of them, he added.

The problem is acute in primary schools of remote areas, he said, adding, 'Authorities of primary education directorate assured us the vacant posts would be filled up soon.'

The government has upgraded the post of primary school headmaster to second class category and initiated a process to select 20 thousand primary school headmasters to root out the problem, the divisional DPE officer assured.

Requirements for headmasters in government

primary schools needed 7 years' experience as assistant teacher, minimum graduation degree and certificate in education or diploma in education course.

About 65 per cent of headmasters in primary schools were selected from among the assistant teachers and the rest of the 35 per cent were recruited directly.