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Violation of Rural Stipend Scheme alleged in Netrakona

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NETRAKONA, June 21.—Massive irregularities in the rural Stipend Project have been reported from all the ten upazilas of the district which have been hampering the scope of women education.

Sources said, funds have been collected by most of the schools and madrasas showing inflated figure of students in Netrakona sadar, Atpara, Madan, Kendua, Barhaita, Mohangonj, Kalmakanda, Durgapur, Purbadhala and Khaliajuri upazilas.

Each school reportedly uses three sets of attendance registers for male and female students. One of which is used to call names of

the class room, another for collection of stipend money which is embezzled later and the third set for deceiving Education Ministry's scrutiny in respect of Government Grants and Aid which is also allegedly defalcated by the schools and madrasas authorities.

The malpractice is going on in complicity with some dishonest bank employees and upazila level education departmental officials and also made possible in the absence of any inspection and monitoring system.

It may be mentioned here that the Stipend Scheme including free education from Six to Ten was introduced by the government for

the girl students at the urban and rural areas in order to encourage women education in the country.

According to the rule a regular girl student must be unmarried to get the facility for education free of cost. A female student has to show 75 per cent class attendance and secure 45 per cent mark in each subject to become eligible for stipend under this project.

Sources further say that those rules are violated and violation is more rampant.

The concerned authorities should take the matter into court and take district action against those who are involved in violating Stipend Project Rule.