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Community pry teachers get salary at Tk 50 but not regularly

From our Correspondent

COMILLA, Feb 11 - Education of the students in the community primary schools across Comilla is being hampered mainly due to shortage of teachers and their negligence of duty.

Local sources said the teachers in these schools were inattentive towards the education of students because of poor salaries and irregular payment.

There are 153 community primary schools in the district with four posts of teacher in each of them. But one or two teachers are running many of these schools.

A good number of teachers have left the schools after getting better job with better salaries in other organizations.

The monthly salary of a teacher of community primary school is only Tk. 50. Moreover, payment of salary is irregular. Their salary is paid after a gap of three to nine

months.

The poor salary and irregular payment have made the teachers extremely unhappy. Some of them have left the job only a few months after joining.

Several guardians of the students said the teachers of these schools were not attending classes regularly as they remained busy with the endeavor to get better job elsewhere.

A total of 3,778 community primary schools were established in the country in 1996 under a joint project to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

The teachers of these schools used to receive their wages from the WB and the ADB till 2001.

After the completion of the five-year project, the responsibility of running the schools was shifted to the government.