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Shortage of teachers hampers Pry Edn in Rajshahi

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Mar. 20.—The Universal Primary Education Programme has been facing problems in Rajshahi division due to manifold problems, reports UNB.

The main problems are shortage of teachers, lack of education materials, furniture and accommodation.

Official sources said, a total of 1565 posts of primary teachers have been lying vacant for a long time in 16 districts of the division.

The number of posts vacant in different districts are—Rajshahi-79, Chapainawabganj-50, Natore-63, Naogaon-127, Bogra-198, Jaipurhat-44, Pabna-87, Sirajganj-138, Rangpur-214, Nilphamari-76, Gaibandha-125, Kurigram-125, Lalmonirhat-42, Dinajpur-110, Thakurgaon-43 and Panchagarh-34.

The quota of teachers has not been maintained properly in government primary schools. Some school have extra teachers while the others face shortage, it is learnt.

Most of the schools damaged by floods several years back, have not yet been repaired. Even some of the schools have no doors and no windows.

In most of the schools, due to shortage of benches, students have to seat on the floor. The supply of education materials like blackboard, chalk and duster is inadequate to meet the normal requirement.

There is no toilet, no water supply system in most of the schools causing untold suffering to the teachers and students alike.

The people of Rajshahi division urged the government to take immediate steps in this regard for making the Universal Primary Education Programme a success.