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Primary education hampered in Faridpur

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FARIDPUR, Jan 12: The primary education in the district is being hampered due to shortage of teachers, paucity of accommodation, inadequate furniture and dearth of equipments necessary for imparting practical education. Besides the existing schools in the district are far behind the number actually required for the school going children.

In eight thanas of the district there are only 546 government and 186 non-government primary schools for 2,57,245 boys and girls ranging from 6 to 10 years of age. Of these children 2,23,303 children go either to government or to non-government primary schools and the rest do not attend any school according to district primary education office source.

The source claims that the average attendance of the enrolled students is 75% but in fact the attendance is not more than 55% and according to survey conducted by private concerns the number of non-school going children is far greater than the official record.

The district Primary Education Department also disclosed that 85 posts have long been lying vacant to the great inconveniences of the learners. Over and above, the number of teachers actually required as per primary education rule should have been almost double of the teachers now working in the district.

As per rule the ratio of teachers and the taught in the primary schools should be one to fifty but in reality to the worry of the guardians this ratio is found to be one is to eighty five.

Moreover there is hardly any school that is not facing accommodation problem, lack of education equipments and want of other facilities indispensable for academic atmosphere.

The condition of 168 non-government primary schools where according to government source 54885 children read baffles all nuserable descriptions. Minimum teaching facilities are not present in these in schools. And the teachers working in these non-government primary schools are getting step-mother treatment from the concerned authorities.

Though the government has laid special emphasis on spreading primary education the above ~~statistical~~ data depict a dismal picture of primary education in the district.