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Teacher shortage, lack of accommodation hit primary education in Sherpur

SHERPUR, June 23.—Most of the government and non-government primary schools of the district are facing manifold problems hampering the implementation of the Universal Primary Education Programme, reports UNB.

According to officials, there are 358 government and 160 registered non-government primary schools in five thanas of the district. But most of them have been facing accommodation problems due to increasing number of enrolments of students in every academic session.

Mentionable that the government has been implementing new programmes including wheat for education scheme to raise the number of primary students in the country.

But due to shortage of teachers, furniture and necessary appliances many schools cannot afford additional students. Most of the schools also lack adequate water supply system and sanitary latrines.

Moreover, many schools damaged during the cyclone, flood and other natural calamities are yet to be repaired. In some schools children are attending classes under the open sky causing inconvenience to students.

It is alleged that teachers in many schools do not attend their classroom duties regularly. Guardians alleged that on the basis of understanding with the local Education Officers some teachers attend the schools once in a week just to put their signature on the attendance register. Most of the time they remain busy with their household or other jobs hampering education adversely.

They also alleged that in some schools there are more teachers than the actual requirement while there are less than the actual need in some

other schools.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to look into the matter and take immediate steps to remove the problems to ensure better education for the children of the district.