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## Teacher shortage hits primary education in Maulvibazar

From Our Correspondent

MAULVIBAZAR, Jan. 24:—The overall position in the primary education sector in six police stations of Maulvibazar district is not satisfactory.

There are 693 Government Primary Schools and 205 non-government primary schools in the district.

The number of pupils is 1,78,640 and teachers is 2240. As per the Education policy there should be one teacher for 40 pupils. Accordingly there is shortage of at least 1532 new teachers.

The delapidated condition of different primary school buildings, inadequate furniture, lack of necessary educational appliances, shortage of benches, and accommodation and other social problems are also hampering the education of children.

Many primary schools damaged in the natural calamities have not been reconstructed.

The teacher's attendance is satisfactory in the schools.

The thana education offices of the district are running with a shortage of 19 Assistant thana education officers and three thana education officers. These posts have been lying vacant for quite a long time. As a result regular inspection of the schools and other official work is suffering.

Scarcity of drinking water in the primary schools has been prevailing as most of the tubewells sunk in the schools went out of order.

Absence of proper sanitation in the primary schools is another impediment. The pupils and teachers go to nearby bushes or by the side of the canals in response to the call of nature.

According to an official source 87 government and non-government registered primary schools under Moulvibazar district have been taken under Food for Education Programme, of which 17 schools are under Kulaura thana 9 schools under Barlekha thana, 15 schools under Rajnagar thana, 12 schools under Kamalganj thana 17 schools under Srimongal and 17 schools under Maulvibazar thana.