

Rural schools suffer budget disparity: educationists

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EDUCATIONISTS on Tuesday said discrimination in budget allocations was creating disparity between the rural and urban students.

City schools, those in Dhaka in particular, get more allocations than those in the rural areas, they observed, adding that the discriminations result in fewer facilities for the children going to these institutions.

The ultimate result of such disparities is the rural children's having bad grades and lacking in overall qualities.

The observations came at a seminar organised by the National Front of Teachers

and Employees at Dhaka Reporter's Unity in the capital.

Educationists demanded 14 per cent of the total budget be set aside for the education sector in 2012-13 fiscal.

Economist Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad observed that education of the impoverished children is often neglected and that dropout rate is the highest among them.

He also said there should be specific allocation in the upcoming budget for implementing Education Policy 2010.

He further hoped that passing of the Education Law, going to the ministry next week, would help solve many problems plaguing

the sector.

Speakers also demanded stern action against the publishers of notebooks and guide books for school and college students.

Former adviser to the caretaker government Rasheda K Choudhury observed that children living in the char areas were among those most deprived in education.

She also stressed more budgetary allocations for primary education.

Front's chief coordinator Quazi Faruque Ahmed in his keynote said despite education sector saw more development in past couple of years poor families still suffered to ensure their children's education.