

200 non-govt schools in Pabna beset with manifold problems

PABNA, Feb. 15.—Two hundred recognised non-government secondary schools in all the nine thanas of the district are beset with manifold problems hampering education of about 80,000 students, reports UNB.

According to sources, deplorable condition of school buildings, shortage of furniture, accommodation, science building, playground, library facilities, common room and fund are hindering smooth education in these schools.

Many school houses are in deplorable condition. Some schools are holding classes in decaying buildings which may collapse any moment.

During the rainy season water leaks through the roof of the buildings. Besides, only 10 per cent schools have one or two storied buildings while others are houses in semi-pucca tinsheds.

These schools are facing difficulties to accommodate the increasing number of students. About 70 per cent of these schools have neither science building nor necessary science equipment.

Absence of playground in 25 per cent of these schools, students are deprived of recreational facilities.

Sports facilities are very meagre at almost all the educational institutions.

In most of the schools scarcity of pure water persists due to non availability of requisite number of tubewells and as a result the students have to take pond water.

Only 10 per cent schools have libraries having shortage of text and reference books and there is no part time or fulltime librarian in those libraries.

There is no separate common rooms for girl students in the co-education schools in the rural areas. The girl students are compelled to stay in classrooms during leisure time.

All the high schools excepting a few are facing acute fund crisis and as a result the teachers do not get their salary regularly.

Besides, the schools which were damaged by floods, storms and cyclones during the last few years have not yet been repaired.

Teachers, students and guardians have urged the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to mitigate the sufferings of the students.