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## Teacher shortage in primary schools hampers education

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Feb. 11:— Most of the government primary schools in four thanas of Magura district are facing various problems including accommodation, shortage of furniture and teachers.

There are 267 government primary

schools in the district. The schools lack proper educational facilities. Most of the schools have no play grounds and tube-wells.

The total number of students, in government primary schools in Sadar thana, Sreepur, Salikha and Mohammedpur is 1,34,300 of whom 54,900 in Sadar, 31,150 in Mohammedpur, 22,650 in Sreepur and 25,600 in Salikha.

The number of sanctioned posts of teachers on the district is 1,335 for the 267 government primary schools but at present there are only 1,250 teachers leaving 85 vacant posts.

Shortage of furniture and teaching appliances and lack of educational facilities hampered the education of students.

The accommodation problems has become acute. Many primary schools having no adequate space hold classes under the open sky increasing suffering of students during summer and rainy season.

A total of 83 registered and 11 non-registered government primary schools are functioning in the district.

### Barisal

UNB reports from Barisal:—The Compulsory Primary Education

Programme is being hampered due to shortage of teachers in 117 government primary schools in the district.

According to official sources, 117 posts of Headmasters and 48 posts of Assistant Teachers have been lying vacant for a long time.

There are 4,043 posts of teachers in 956 government primary schools of 10 thanas of the district.

### Patuakhali

BSS writes from Patuakhali:—The District primary education office has distributed 170,800 sets of text-book free of cost among the students of the primary schools of the district this year. The thana-wise break-up of books is as follows: Sadar thana 52,500 sets, Galachipa 37,000 sets, Khepupara 28,700 sets, Mirjaganj 26,000 sets and Dashmina 22,000 sets of books. The class-wise break-up is: 52,500 sets for Class one, 39,000 sets for Class two, 30,700 sets for Class three, 26,600 sets for Class four and 22,000 sets for the students of Class five.

According to another source, 111 posts of primary teachers including 43 posts of headmasters are lying vacant in the district, reports BSS.