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One lakh deprived of primary education in Chuadanga, Meherpur

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Dec. 4:—One lakh children of Chuadanga and Meherpur district are deprived of Primary education due to poverty of their guardians earning their livelihood as day labourers.

A survey conducted recently revealed there are 1,47,883 children under the age group of six to ten years of whom 36,161, 50118, 38560 and 23024 live in Chuadanga, Alandanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar, thanas of the district.

A total of 82,755 children attend Primary schools in Meherpur district. There are 257, 73 and 30 Govt. registered and non-registered Primary Schools in Chuadanga district.

It is learnt that a total of 360 Primary Schools cannot meet the demand of admission of the pupils. A total of 1,04,128 students is taught in these schools.

There are 161 Govt, 38 non-Govt. and 67 non-registered primary

schools in two thanas of Meherpur district.

A total of 64,173 students read in 266 primary schools in Meherpur district.

A total of 60,735 and 39,265 children of poverty stricken families are denied primary education in Chuadanga and Meherpur district.

It is revealed from survey that 30 percent people of the district live below poverty line and 95 percent guardians cannot send their children to schools due to economic crises.

The tiny-tots of the school going age work as child labourers to earn a little income to support families of their poor parents.

The Govt. distribute books free of cost among the admitted students but uniforms, paper, pencil, and exercise books are not supplied to them.

The children of poor families work in tea stalls, hotels and restaurants, mechanical workshops, bakeries and as mason helpers, cowboys, servants and maid servants.

The unscrupulous businessmen are exploiting them by giving a very little wage.

Town beset with problems

Chuadanga town, is beset with a host of problems. Many parts of the town lack pucca roads. Vehicles and

rickshaws ply with difficulties causing traffic jam in the busy hours. The pavements are narrow.

Unauthorised occupation of roadside lands by shopkeepers has created problem hampering movement of vehicles.

Poor drainage and sanitation system, accommodation and beggar problem, mosquito menace, erratic power supply, absence of recreational facilities, absence of public toilet and inadequate traffic islands, are the main problems the district town has been facing.

The roads constructed during British regime have not been repaired.

The roads have developed cracks and pot-holes and remain unrepairs for years together.

Ship scraps seized

Acting on a secret information Task Force raided a godown at Chuadanga Bazar on Nov. 16 and seized ten quintals of ship scrap worth about Tk. 1,63,750.

Md. Arif Hossain, S/O Rezaul Karim of Courtpara, Chuadanga has been arrested by the B.D.R. personnel for his alleged involvement in smuggling of the goods.

A case has been registered with Chuadanga P.S. in this connection.