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200 teachers not getting salary

Primary schools in Nilphamari facing manifold problems

From Our Correspondent

MAULVIBAZAR, Mar. 25.—About 200 primary school teachers of Maulvibazar Rajnagar, Kulaura, Barlekha, Kamalganj and Srimongal upazilas of Maulvibazar district are not getting their salary for the last 9 months.

The teachers joined the different government primary schools of the district in May 1991 by an order of the authority. Their appointment was made under 205 Development (Education) panel.

An official sources told me that the matter hasd been brought to the notice of the higher authority which is now under active consideration of the government.

No education officer

The District Primary Education office has been running without district primary education officer (DPEO) and assistant DPEO since 1991.

The DPEO, Habigonj, District was deputed to run the office has also gone on retirement in January, 1992. As a result administrative and financial affairs of the office has come to a stand still.

An official told me that all the staffs of this office are not getting their salary from February last.

Besides this retired primary school teachers are facing much in-

convience to draw their pension money and upazila wise transfer of primary teachers are stopped in absence of DPEO.

It may well be mentioned here that Ali Amjad Government Girls High School and Boys Government High School Maulvibazar have been also running without head mistress and headmaster respectively.

Nilphamari

Our Nilphamari correspondent states: The Nilphamari Primary Schools has been facing multifarious problems hampering education of the students.

It is learnt that a total of 647 government and non-government primary schools in the district. The number of children in the age group of 6 to 8 capable of going to schools in 6 upazilas of Nilphamari district is two lakhs. One lakh 41 thousand of them are studying in the schools in papers. But actual figure will be below one lakh.

The condition of government primary school is not good mainly which are situated in rural areas of the district. A total of 85 primary schools damaged by the floods have not been repaired. Many primary schools have no sheds, no wall, sitting arrangement for the students and no sufficient equipement.

63 posts of teachers vacant

As many as 63 posts of primary school teachers have been lying vacant for a long time in six upazilas in the district.

The quota of teachers in government primary schools in this district was not maintained properly. Some schools, having a large number of students, have been facing shortage of teachers while many schools having no requisite number of students possess excess teachers.

It is alleged that a good number of primary schools in the district maintain false papers and get benefits from the government.

In the process the cost of bricks has jumped from the Taka 2000 to Taka 3000 per thousand.

The brick field owners using fire wood instead of coal for burning bricks are violating the government order. The government prohibited the use of wood for burning brick and tobacco curing process in the country.

What is surprising is that no body was found to cheek the use of fire wood in brick-fields and tobacco curing process.

Prize distribution

The annual prize giving ceremony of Jhenidah Jamila Khatoon Shishu Biddalaya was held the school recently. Mr. Moshiur Rahman, MP attended the function as chief guest and distributed the prizes among the winners of various competitions of the biddalaya while Mr. S.M. Mijanur Rahman Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) presided over the function.

Dr. Azizur Rahman, Secretary Managing Committee and Mrs. Lutfi Begum, Principal of the Biddalaya spoke on occasion.

A large number of guardians and students of the biddalaya attended the function.