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## Pry schools in remote areas facing student dropout

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, Oct 3 : A large number of children of remote villages aged between eight to twelve years in ten police stations under Netrakona district remain engaged in different petty jobs instead of going to schools. As a result, continuous drop out of school going children in remote primary schools in the district is increasing day after day.

Poverty stricken farmers instead of sending their children to schools, prefer to engage them in some income oriented works like labourer, cattle grazing or rickshaw-puller etc. As a result, in a tender-age the children compelled to engage in different works rendering physical labour in exchange of poor remuneration.

Most of the farmers in the district either marginal or landless can not afford educational expenditure of children. Many of them dislike education for their children because they are illiterate by inheritance. Father himself encourages the children to involve in any kind of job for a handful of rice or for petty earnings.

Maximum farmers possess six to ten children under the cover of so-called family planning. Facing overburden of livelihood farmers engage their

children in any kind of work from childhood. In the consequence such children turn into farm labourers and earn as little as possible for their poverty stricken families. The labourers get very poor amount as wages due to influx of its class in remote areas.

During crop harvesting season a large number of farm labourers go to distant places in search of work where they could get some more wages.

Hence, primary schools in the remote areas of the district are facing acute shortage students and the problem is being intensified day by day. The authority concerned along with the teachers of primary schools are found most callous and indifferent in this respect for reasons known only to God.

### CONSTRUCTION

Construction and repair of twenty two primary schools, five Primary Training Institutes (PTI) and one district primary education office at a cost of Taka 3,40,46,000 was com-

pleted in Mymensingh zone. Mymensingh zone includes Netrakona, Kishoregonj, Sherpur, Jamalpur.

### TANGAIL AND MYMENSINGH

The projects included construction of eight two-storied primary schools at a cost of Taka 128.56 lakh and one two-storied district primary education office at Netrakona at a cost of Taka 18.86 lakh.

The projects also included repair and extension work of fourteen primary schools at a cost of Taka 4.77 lakh four PTI buildings at a cost of Taka 68.2 lakh.

### CRUSHED UNDER WHEELS

An unidentified woman was crushed under the wheels of a Mymensingh bound passenger train at the premises of Netrakona Court Railway station on Thursday last.

The unidentified ill-fated woman met the tragic end of her life while she was crossing the Mohanganj-Mymensingh railway route at Netrakona Court Railway Station.