

With 20,000 students in 17 disciplines Govt M M College in Jessore in grip of manifold problems

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Dec 23:—The Jessore Government M. M. College, the largest educational institution of this region is beset with manifold problems, that caused immense trouble to the learners since long.

There are shortage of requisite number of teachers, class room, common room, library facilities, accommodation, cafeteria and major problems which are hampering the education at large.

The college authorities while admitting these problems, expresses their helplessness in the solution of these vital problems for want of necessary allocations and government sanctions.

Jessore Govt. M. M. College with about 20,000 students has Honours and Masters courses in 17 disciplines. Besides, there is Degree Pass course.

According to the calendar of Jatiya University, holding of examinations in many discipline is a regular feature throughout the year and as a result of these examination, the college faces acute accommodation problem for holding regular classes.

A college source told this Correspondent that 151 posts of teachers were created for this 17 disciplines. As many as 12 posts of teachers were created for the disciplines of Bengali, Economics, Accounting, Physics, Management, Chemistry, Botany and Mathematics.

There are 10 teachers in the English department for both Masters and Honours classes. Similarly there are 5 teachers for Political Science and Social Science each, 7 for History, 4 for Islamic History, 4 for Philosophy, 3 for Arabic and Islamic Studies.

Besides, there are 11 teachers for Geography and Environmental Science and 4 for Zoology departments. There were no fresh sanction of teachers for these de-

partments, although Masters course were introduced in these disciplines 5/6 years ago.

Both the Education Ministry and National University authorities were informed of acute shortage of teachers in these departments but with no result inspite of repeated letters, it is gathered from the authoritative sources.

The college is facing acute shortage of accommodation for holding regular classes. There are about 200 learners in each of these classes but there are no such spacious room where these students can sit comfortably. Besides, these rooms were also used during admission tests and central examinations under the National University from time to time, hampering the normal classes, it is learnt.

As there is no auditorium in the college, are social and cultural functions are used to hold suspending the classes. The college needs, immediately a suitable auditorium with all amenities.

The library of the College has been accommodated in a small room where at least 10-15 students can sit together comfortably. There is no reference book as deemed fit for this 20,000 students. Even the library also lack requisite number of books with uptodate reference.

There are two common rooms, for the male and female students, which lack minimum amenities besides accommodation problem. As a result, large number of students, both male and female are seen loitering here and there during their leisure period.

The accommodation problem of the residential students are extremely acute and far from the requirements. Two hall of the male students can accommodate only 236 students while the only hostel for girl students can accommo-

date 100 students.

As thousands of students thronged in the college from the adjacent districts besides the upazilas of Jessore district, large number of students had to live a sub-human life in hiring private messes.

As a result about 500 private messes were established in Kharki, Kholadanga, Karbala, Puratankashba and Chanchra areas on the outskirts of the town where thousands of male students were living. The conditions of the female students needs beggars description. Few private messes adjacent to the college campus used to accommodate them, but with no minimum amenities and facilities.

Hundreds of students used to attend their classes regularly from distant areas due to acute accommodation problem. But there is no transport facilities for the female students, not to speak about the male students.

Zahirul Islam Shimul, of Mahfuz Anwar and Russel Rana of Chatra Dal, Mahiuddin Ahmed Mukta of Chatra League, Sayeedur Rahman of Biplobi Chatra Moltree and Salman Hassan, a student leader told newsmen that they drew the attention of the college authorities of these problems on number of occasions but with no result.

Dr Jalaluddin, Principal, Jessore Govt. M. M. College while admitting the shortage of teachers and the class rooms, told that all efforts are being undertaken for ensuring higher education and increasing human resources. He however disclosed that the proper authorities were informed of the shortage of class rooms, accommodation problem for the resident students and construction of an independent administrative building and common room of the teachers.