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Teachers busy in private tuition, science teachers short

Educational instts lack good atmosphere, problems-ridden

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, July 23: Teachers of colleges and schools in 16 upazilas of the district are engaged themselves in private tuition ignoring their academic responsibilities, it is alleged.

It is learnt that many teachers of different government and non-government schools and colleges have set up coaching centers at their residence and attendance in schools and colleges of the district has fallen alarmingly.

In most of the non-government educational institutions, classes are not held after 4th period due to shortage of students, as they have to go to their private tutors.

Some students requesting anonymity said that without private tuition, good results could not be expected in the practical examinations of the Science department.

It is also observed that setting up of educational institutions; particularly colleges have turned economically profitable for a section of people.

In Comilla district, more

than 45 colleges were established during the last five years.

It is alleged that appointment of teachers in these institutions depends on the amount of so-called 'donation' paid by the candidates. Due to severer unemployment problem, the organizers of such institutions trap the educated men.

It is mentioned here that almost all the schools start academic activities after three or four months. Moreover the teachers of Mathematics, English and Science are found busy in private tuition.

Teachers demand cent per cent salary

It may be mentioned here that the standard of education of teachers of rural areas schools is not up to mark to teach English and Mathematics.

The conscious people feel that it is high time to evolve a system that will create proper academic atmosphere in the educational institutions.

At present 95 per cent the government is paying pay of the teachers.

The teachers are demanding cent percent salary from the government, which is also under active consideration of the government.

The guardians opined that the dismal picture of the results should be taken into consideration before the enhancement of the government subsidy at the cost of the public exchequer.

Meanwhile, the high schools and Junior high schools in 16 upazilas of the district have been facing shortage of furniture, teachers, accommodation, lack of necessary educational appliances and fund.

Most of the schools of the district established at the local initiative are running with financial hardship. The non-government high schools can hardly serve the purpose due to manifold problems.

About 80 per cent of the high schools are facing fund constraints. As a result, over all secondary education pro-

gram is being hampered.

The accommodation problem exists in almost all the teachers. The students are accommodated in small rooms and many of them sit on the floor for want of benches.

In absence of library, playground and sports materials deprived students of recreational facilities. Cultural activities are not held in most of the schools. There are no game and musical teachers in 75 per cent schools.