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School nationalised, teachers not paid!

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There is no office, no chair, no table and teachers are not paid salary in a government primary school that was nationalised in 2007.

On a visit to Sayedpur Government Primary School at Sayedpur village in Moheshpur upazila of the district, this correspondent learnt that it was founded in 2007. There are four teachers and 152 students.

The local people said though the school has been nationalised, the teachers have not been getting salary for long, hampering learning of the students. The teachers are not sincere in taking classes as they are not getting salary for long, they added.

The teachers are headmistress Sayeda Khatun and assistant teachers Papia Khatun, Nazma Khatun and Sharmin Nahar.

Azgar Ali, a student of Class II, said their classes are not held regularly. Only headmistress Sayeda Khatun attends regularly while other teachers come occasionally, Azgar said, adding that he would leave the school next year.

Fatema Khatun of Class V said, classes are

not held regularly as most of the teachers are not punctual in school. Fatema said she has also planned to take admission another school in the coming year.

Guardian Aslam Hossain said classes are not held regularly as teachers are not sincere in teaching. Besides, the teachers do not get salary, he added.

Headmistress Sayeda Khatun said they have not been getting salary since 2007, the year the school was nationalised. Sayeda said the teachers are irregular in classes.

Moheshpur Upazila Education Officer Ataur Rahman said the gazette of nationalisation of the institution has been issued, but the gazette of the teachers has not. Ataur said it would take time to regularise their salary.

Jhenidah District Primary Education Officer Ataur Rahman said he was not aware of the matter as the headmistress could not inform him in this regard. If she forwarded a letter to him he would take necessary action, Ataur said, adding that he would look into the matter as soon as possible.