

SUST in grip of teacher shortage

# No VC for 2 months, out of 287 posts 132 on study leave

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, June 25:—Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) has been facing acute shortage of teachers. Many teachers left the state-run university for higher education and a few of them are engaged in private university and other assignments.

Fresh appointment of teachers has been suspended by the University Grants Commission (UGC) since 2001 for unknown reasons, said a university teacher on condition of anonymity.

Established the university is running without Vice-Chancellor who was absent for two months.

Out of total 287 teachers, 132 have been on leave since long while 72 teachers have been promoted next higher posts.

Owing to the suspension of appointment of teachers during the last two years acute shortage of teachers the normal academic activities have been hindered.

The Civil Engineering Department has only four teachers, Forestry only 3, BBA-4, Bangla-4, Industrial Engineering 6, English 6, Soil Science 6 Teachers who have been imparting education to a huge number of students. In fact, the university has now been

running with only 155 teachers.

Out of 132 teacher who are on study leave include 21 in Chemistry Department, 10 in Mathematics, 9 in Physics, 9 in Statistics, 14 in Chemical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, 10 in Civil Engineering, 10 in Industrial Engineering, 6 in Social Science, 4 in Social Activities (Social Reform), 5 in Soil Science, 11 in Economics, 6 in Political, Studies and Public Affairs Department and one in English and Forestry Department.

The situation has aggravated further due to absence of teachers who are on study-leave, have not joined their duties although their tenure of leave has expired, according to the authority.

It is learnt that 72 teachers have been deprived of promotion as the back-lash of the embargo on promotion and fresh recruitment. The sooner the deadlock is over, the better the future of SUST.