

Teacher assoc's corruption thoroughly alleged

Exams of 29 schools postponed due to teachers' negligence

From Our Correspondent

BAGERHAT, May 2:—The first terminal examination of the year 2010 was postponed in 29 Secondary Schools of Fakirhat upazila in the district due to negligence of duty, irregularities, corruptions and wantonness of the office-bearers of the upazila secondary Teachers' Association. Following this undesirable incident strong resentment was created among the general teachers, students and the guardians concerned.

On the other hand, a tense situation has been prevailing between the general teachers of those 29 Secondary Schools and the office-bearers of (Fakirhat) upazila Secondary School Teachers' Association over the inclusion of questions out of syllabuses in the question papers.

As a result of it the first terminal examination, held for three days, was suspended for the time being.

It is learnt from a competent source that the first terminal examination of all the Secondary Schools of the upazila commenced on April 17, 2010 simultaneously with the same question papers. But all the questions set in the question papers were out of syllabuses. Consequently, the students, teachers and the guardians were disappointed.

In these circumstances of individual schools decided to take the examination with the same question papers after modifying them.

But the school authorities rejected the decision. As a result, the difference of opinions were created between the general teachers of the Secondary schools and the office bearers of the upazila secondary school teachers' Association.

The general teachers told the newsmen that according to the rules teachers' association prepared and printed the question papers and later on the same were sent to each secondary school belonging to the association.

The teachers made an allegation that Fakirhat upazila Secondary School Teachers' Association had purchased the question papers and printed by Monirampur Upazila Secondary School Teachers' Association of Jessore district and distributed the same to all the schools of Fakirhat upazila. But all the questions set in the questions set in the question papers were out of syllabuses. And for that reason the tender hearted students of the schools ran into a great trouble. It is further learnt that each secondary school of the upazila purchased the question papers from the teachers' association.

It is further alleged that order to save the money Fakirhat Secondary School Teachers' Association had purchased the question papers from other upazila

Secondary School Teachers' Association. By this the examination was held for 3 days with those question papers. Later on the examination was postponed for several days. Some teachers opined that both teachers and the students had been cheated by the upazila secondary teachers' association and that is why questions were raised from the more than one corners against their (teachers' association) activities.

In this connection when Mallik Abdus Sattar, Secretary of Fakirhat Upazila Secondary School Teachers' Association and Sarojit Kumar, Secretary of question affair of the association were contacted told the newsmen that the question papers of their association had been misdelivered to Monirampur Upazila Secondary School Teachers' Association. But the general teachers said that after making an enquiry into the affair no such incident had been taken place in Monirampur upazila. But when the matter was brought to the notice of those two office-bearers of the teachers' association told that the concerned printing press might have committed the mistake at the time of delivery of the question papers. Mahfuzur Rahman, District Secondary Education Officer of Bagerhat told the newsmen that an investigation was going on into the matter.