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## Sailkupa pry schools gripped with problems

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SAILKUPA, Mar 30: All the 92 Government and 18 non-government primary schools of Sailkupa upazila have been facing multifarious problems including shortage of accommodation, irregular payment of salary, lack of necessary appliances, play-grounds and paucity of drinking water facilities.

Most of the 18 non-government primary schools established under local initiatives have not yet received government recognition although these institutions have a good number of students. Some of these schools were set up even before the independence.

Due to fund constraints, payment of salary of the teachers is irregular. As a result, many teachers left their respective institutions in utter disappointment.

The roll strength of these schools, is about 3,000 and the number of teachers are at least 80, it is learnt.

On the other hand, the government primary schools have been smarting under manifold problem hampering the very purpose of primary education. There are in all 36,050 students in these institutions. As many as 961 teachers are required on the basis of one teacher for 50 students. But, at present, 368 teachers have been serving there.

Most of these schools are lacking in sufficient number of benches. There are only 1944 benches in all the government primary schools which can accommodate at best 60 per cent of students.

Besides, many schools do not have sufficient accommodation. Of them, the worst suffering schools are at Kabirpur, Saikbpara, Kripalpur, Chandpur, Kancherkole, Bashantapur, Kachua and Sailkupa.

These schools have a large number of students far more than the accommodation arranged for.

The supply of other appliances including chalk, blackboard and duster is very much insufficient.

The students of the schools in this upazila are badly in need of sports appliances let alone other recreational facilities. Ninety percent of the schools have no play grounds. Worse still most of these schools do not have lavatory or urinal much to the infliction of the students.