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# 14 govt primary school teachers' fate uncertain

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Teachers of fourteen nationalised primary schools are suffering from frustration, mental confusion, and agony not knowing whether they would be absorbed as regular govt. teaching staff by the authority concerned.

Mention may be made here that the then, Govt. of Awami League urged upon the countrymen to set up required number of educational institutions in their respective areas with a view to wipe out the curse of illiteracy from the society by spreading the light of education.

Responding to the call of the govt. 14 primary schools were started in 1974 at the initiative of local people. The teachers were paid very little amount mainly from the subscription of local people which were almost inadequate to meet their demand.

Later on, after performing all relevant formalities these primary schools set up in different districts were recognised

under the Primary Act No-3 and Sub Act No-1 of 1974 on 1-7-1985 and the govt took over the charge of their management.

These ill-fated primary schools are:—Uttarkhargram Primary School, in Kishoreganj, Nefra Primary School in Kuri-gram, Tabakpur Sardarpara Primary School in Kuri-gram, Piberbag Primary School, Mirpur, Dhaka, Borkati Mridhabari Primary School Vedherganj, Faridpur, Hajipura Shamshepur Primary School, Laksham, Comilla, Uttarpura Adarsha Primary School, Jhalakati Sadar, Jhalakati, Gokulnagar Primary School, Ishwardi, Pabna-Kulatia Primary School, Batiaghata, Khulna, Phulpia Primary School, Bhuapur, Tangail, Natapara Primary School, Chaudagram, Comilla, Nayanagar Primary School, Matlab, Chandpur, Damgacha Primary School, Gaibandha, and Sayera Lakkhikali Primary School, Bagerhat, Sadar, Bagerhat.

It is learnt that lands dona-

ted by the donors in the name of the schools were registered in 1974 and the deed of gifts were submitted to the district primary education officers by the upazila education officers (UEOs).

On the other hand, the circulation of nationalisation of the primary schools was despatched by the Ministry of Education by the special order of the President signed by Kazi Jalal Ahmed, the then Education Secretary.

This information was also sent to the Director General, for information on 25-7-1985. The Directorate then sent this information to the chairmen, Upazila parishads, district primary education officers, upazila accounts officers, upazila education officers and also heads of the institutions signed by Maher Afza Khatun for the Director General, Primary Education, Bangladesh.

On the other hand, the education directorate served letters to district primary education officers on 30.1.86 for sending necessary information and recommendations in order to create posts in the nationalised primary schools in different districts.

The district education officer instructed the upazila education officers to furnish the necessary information and recommendations.

Having instructed by the higher authority the UEOs sent the information and recommendations with description to the authority concerned but no action has yet been made in this regard.

The existing teachers of the nationalised primary schools urge the authority concerned to take necessary measures for removing their frustration mental agony and mental confusion by providing appointment letters and other facilities as the others enjoy in the country.

When this correspondent went to visit Natapara Primary School the teachers expressed their profound grievances and added that they were not getting either the govt facility or that of the local area because, before nationalisation of the school the local people made a nominal payment but after nationalisation the former local managing committee was abolished by forming a new one as per govt. rules.

Under the above circumstances, the teachers are not getting even a single paisa from the former managing committee.

The existing headmaster of the school, Mr. Osman Ghani told this correspondent, "I am the head and only earning member of my eight-member family, but it is a matter of regret that I have to starve for some days together at times he said adding, I hope that the relevant authority would take necessary steps for

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