

## 250 Dinajpur primary schools need attention

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DINAJPUR, July 17: A total of 250 Government and 50 private primary schools in Dinajpur district have been facing immense difficulties due to lack of accommodation, shortage of furniture, educational equipment and adequate teaching staff and books.

But due to lack of sitting arrangement in many government schools the students have to sit on mats. Moreover, a good number of the Kutchha school houses have no roofs.

On the other hand, classes of six Government primary schools in Sadar Upazila are being held under the open sky. Besides, as many as 30,000 students have not yet received books although seven months of the academic year have been elapsed.

It is gathered that there is also shortage of 500 teachers in the district. Due to lack of proper supervision a huge amount of money was misappropriated by the contractors while constructing Paharpur Government Primary School, it is alleged.

### DINAJPUR POURASABHA LACKING IN AMENITIES

Life in Dinajpur pourasabha area has become quite miserable due to lack of basic amenities, such as, poor drainage system, dearth of recreational facilities and paucity of pure drinking water.

It is learnt that during the rainy season, water remains stagnant on roads impeding easy movement of the vehicular traffic as well as pedestrians.

In the absence of proper drainage system, heaps of garbage and filth are piled up in different places polluting the atmosphere.

On the other hand, paucity of pure drinking water has been prevailing here. The water supply scheme of pourasabha is least satisfactory.

There is no arrangement for recreational facilities excepting a cinema hall. The only park in poura area is mostly occupied by intruders and anti-social elements, who have turned it into a corner for immoral purpose.

Moreover, due to lack of street lights, some areas of the town plunge into darkness after dusk leading to increase in anti-social activities.

Erratic power failure poses another serious problem. The domestic and commercial consumers as well as students have been suffering much due to power failure.

It may be mentioned that hardly a day or night passes without disruption of power. After sunset, most of the areas of the town plunge into darkness and it continues for hours together.

On the other hand, mosquito menace has made town life miserable. Even during day time, the housewives have to keep their sleeping children inside the mosquito curtains, while at night the students cannot concentrate to studies outside mosquito curtain.

The situation has deteriorated due to lack of proper conservancy service. Most of the marshland are filled with water-hyacinths, which have become veritable breeding centres for mosquitos. Moreover, there are many kutchha and semi pucca service latrines, which are also causing health hazards.

People of Dinajpur town have urged the authority concerned to provide necessary civic amenities for them.