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Education of 116 primary schools being hampered

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DINAJPUR, June 29 Education of about 32,000 students of 103 government and 60 private primary schools in Dinajpur district is being hampered due to lack of classrooms, teaching equipment and shortage of teachers.

Of the schools, there are 40 government and 18 private primary schools in Birol upazila 30 government and 14 private primary schools in Khansama and 35 government and 22 private primary schools in Sadar upazilla.

Most of the Kutchha or pucca school have been in a dilapidated state. Due to shortage of benches students have to sit on the bare floor or mats.

According to the district Education office source, classes of four government primary schools in Sadar upazila are being held under the open sky.

Although the period for the distribution of free books among all primary school children expired on January 31, yet 48,000 boys and girls and yet to get text books.

There are only 1,023 teachers, whereas as per government circular every 40 students are to get a teacher and accordingly, the required number of teachers in the district are over 1,900.

Meanwhile, construction of 52 primary schools out of 69 has been completed in the dis-

trict under Universal Primary Education Programme during the last financial year.

This programme has been taken up at a cost of Tk. 11.80 crore for 69 primary schools in nine upazilas of the district. The construction work of the schools have been completed in Sadar Parbatipur, Khansama Chirirbandar, Ghoraghat Phulbari, Birol, Nawabganj and Bitampur upazilas.

The rest 17 primary schools are expected to be completed by June.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Two community schools are being constructed in Nawabganj and Chirirbandar Upazillas at a cost of Tk. 11,20,000 during the last financial year and construction work of another one community school is expected to be completed in Khansama upzila soon.

BRAHMANBARIA

Our correspondent adds: 13 Government primary schools in Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila have facing manifold problems for long.

It is learnt that these school houses were damaged earlier by cyclonic storms. But the same have not been repaired. As such, classes of these schools are being held under the open sky and it is dissolved when the sky becomes cloudy.