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## No teachers for HSC course in PTI

From Our Correspondent

**MUNSHIGANJ, May 9:**—Although six months have already rolled by since HSC (education) Course was introduced in the Primary Training Institutes of the country, Lecturers to impart teaching in the newly-introduced subjects have not yet been appointed.

es including 3000 female trainees including 3000 female trainees have been hard put to prepare themselves for their examinations.

A two-year HSC (education) Course has replaced the previous one-year course in the Primary Training Institutes since November last year.

According to the new syllabus, eight subjects with a total of 1000 marks have been prescribed for the HSC (education) Course. The subjects are English (two papers), Bengali (two papers), General Psychology, Child and Education Psychology, Principles of Education, Methods of Education Institute Record and Practice Teaching. Besides, trainees aspiring to get themselves admitted to the Degree Class after successful completion of their HSC (education) Course have now the option to take up History (200

marks) or Civics (200 marks) during the current academic session.

The Scheme envisages appointment of lecturers and principals in the Primary Training Institutes to implement the newly-introduced Course. But as the scheme itself is still awaiting approval of the Ministry of Finance, appointments cannot be made now, it is learnt. In the process, the trainees have virtually been left to their fate in the absence of qualified teachers.

Meanwhile, classes are now being taken by the Instructors who have no requisite qualifications for the job.

Pointing out anomalies in the newly-introduced HSC (education) Course, the trainees of Munshiganj Primary Training Institute told this Correspondent that the trainees including deputed teachers from Primary Schools who have already passed their HSC examination in English and Bengali of identical syllabus will have to sit for those two subjects again in their HSC (education) Course.

There are 40 Primary Training Institutes in the country. One hundred and twenty trainees have been admitted to each of these Institutes this year. Fifty per cent of the trainees are female ones. Nine Primary Training Institutes are meant exclusively for women. These Institutes are located at Pirojpur, Patuakhali, Madaripur, Bogra, Gaibandha, Sirajganj, Netrokona Majidi and Moulvibazar.

The trainees of these Primary Training Institutes have demanded of the Government either to appoint lecturers and principals as envisaged in the Two-year HSC (education) Course or revert to the previous one-year Course.