

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Schools at Talmar Mour

We the people of 12 to 13 villages adjoining Talmar Mour under Talma, Bilgobindapur and Ramnagar Unions of Nagarkanda Thana in the district of Faridpur congratulate the government on its decision to upgrade the Nagarkanda Thana and like to draw the attention of the government to the following facts:

Talmar Mour is one of the most important centres under Nagarkanda Thana in the district of Faridpur. The Faridpur-Barisal highway and Nagarkanda-Krishnapur broad road cross at Talma Mour. Moreover, Maniknagar-Gazaria broad road and some other small village roads are well connected with Talmar Mour. Talma railway station is only one mile away from here and well connected with other parts of the Talma Mour area. This is

a central place for 12 to 13 villages.

But approximately 95 per cent people of the above mentioned (12/13) villages around Talmar Mour are illiterate since there is no educational institution within their reach. The adjoining areas have remained backward since the days of British rule. There is none in these areas who could draw the government's attention towards their various problems. Even there is no one sufficiently solvent who could financially help in establishing an educational institution.

From Talmar Mour, Talma Bazar is one and half a mile away where a government primary school and a high school are situated. Jamtola Primary School is more than 2 miles and Bilgobindapur Primary School is also about 2 miles away from here. But these schools have no good communication. So it is not possible for the children of Sadarbera, Katha, Kallibari, Baragram, Goggaon, Zaudangi

Maniknagar, Kesobnagar, Masauzan, Sankarpasha and some other villages to walk every day over 3 to 4 miles for attending their classes. For want of educational institutions here, 95 per cent people are deprived of even primary education. So generation after generation people of these villages are left uneducated for want of an educational institution.

Five to six years ago the villagers took the initiative to establish a primary school at Talmar Mour. The school house was built with corrugated tin sheet. The area of the school house is 60' x 15' and about 300 students were attending classes initially. Area of the playground is more than one acre of land. There are 5 classrooms. Only 4 teachers are engaged here, but their services are honorary. The present situation of this institution is disappointing since the teachers are not encouraged to continue their services without salary. The management of the school applied several times to the local education

authority to recognise the school, but received no response. So the school is suffering much for want of financial help.

So the people fervently appeal to the government to recognise this primary school as a Government Free Primary School and to establish a government high school at Talmar Mour, with a view to developing education in the above villages under Talma, Ramnagar, Bilgobindapur and other adjacent unions of the proposed, Upgraded Nagarkanda Thana.

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