

Why vocational institute not functioning yet?

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From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Sept. 24: The Vocational Training Institute at Kishoreganj could not as yet start functioning due allegedly to the negligence, dilly dallying and lack of initiative on the part of the authorities.

When works on the construction of the institute started as far back as in 1963, it raised much hope among the people of Kishoreganj but the progress of work soon slowed down and consequently it could not start functioning even after all these years.

But it is learnt that if and when the institute start functioning, poor students who cannot prosecute their studies beyond class VII for financial stringency and other reasons will be able to get themselves admitted into it and having finished in two years the machinist and auto-diesel courses of the trade course may seek employment to earn a living.

It is further learnt that at present laboratory apparatus and other machineries including a milling machine worth lakhs of taka lying here idle for a long time are being spoiled. Besides there are many other apparatus and machinery allotted for this institute have reportedly been distributed among other training institutes of the country.

An informed source told Times that one superintendent and eight other officials of the institute have been drawing their salaries for a long time without having to do anything.

If the institute starts functioning, poor boys of Kishoreganj and other neighbouring areas will get the opportunity to furnish themselves with vocational training and edu-

cation which will enable them to get profitable jobs. But only the authorities know when this hope will be materialised.

It has been suggested that either the training institute should start functioning or the building constructed for the purpose at the cost of several lakhs of taka should be handed over to some other organization; which, it is felt, will save the Government a large amount of money.