

Teacher, accommodation shortage hits education in Narsingdi College

From Our Correspondent

NARSINGDI, June 30:—The Narsingdi Govt. College is beset with manifold problems including shortage of teachers, library and students hostel hampering the education of the students.

The college was established in 1949 on 8.57 acres of land and Mr. Kalipada Sen Gupta was the principal.

The college was nationalised in March 1980, but the infrastructural and other facilities have not been provided during the last few years.

When contacted the Principal of the college Prof. Surja Kanta Das told me that there were about 1000 students and 25 teachers in the beginning of the college. But at present there are 8000 students including 400 honours students and 64 teachers. The students are facing problems due to shortage of accommodation and lack of academic building.

Honours course in Bengali was introduced in the college while the department of Accounting, Physics, Political Science, Management and Philosophy were also opened. The Masters course in Bengali was introduced in 1995.

A total of 19 posts of teachers and 19 posts in honours subjects are lying vacant, official sources said.

There is no residential accom-

modation for the teachers and a small and old teachers' quarter can accommodate only 10 teachers.

The college has no modern students' hostel. A 52-seat hostel is beset with manifold problems including shortage of accommodation. The lack of medicare facility and irregular power and water supply and unhygienic environment cause sufferings to the students.

The college has no common room and the students are deprived of newspapers, magazines, and periodicals. The science students are facing problems for want of full-fledged science laboratory.

The water supply in the college is irregular causing difficulties to the students and teachers.

The library is facing shortage of space and sitting arrangement. There is no canteen in the college.

Academic building

The foundation stone of the academic building of Narsingdi Govt. College was laid by the Education Minister ASHK Sadeq on June 24.

The first phase construction work of the building will be completed at a cost of Taka 54,20,000.