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## Comilla Women's College in grip of problems Teacher, accommodation shortage, lack of educational atmosphere

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, July 10.—The Comilla Government Women's College is beset with manifold problems including shortage of teachers, accommodation in class rooms, library, lack of educational atmosphere and transport facilities and students' hostel hampering the education at the students.

The college campus goes under knee-deep water after a slight-rainfall, during the monsoon.

The college was established in 1960 on 5 acres of land. It was nationalised in 1978, but the infrastructural and other facilities have not been provided during the last few years. There is no students common room.

When contacted the Principal of the college Prof Shubir Kumar Chakraborty told me that there were only 17 students having a fund of Tk 84 in the beginning of the college. But at present, there are 3500 students including 500 honours students and 60 teachers. The students are facing problems due to shortage of accommodation, transport facilities and want of academic building.

The Honours Course in Bengali and Political Science was introduced in the college in 1972 while the Departments of Social Welfare, Logic, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany and Zoology were also introduced. The Masters Course in Bengali and Political Science was introduced in 1978.

There is no residential accommodation for the teachers and

only one teacher quarter has been built for the principal.

The college has a small common room and the students are deprived the newspapers, magazines and periodicals. The science students are facing problems for want of full-fledged science laboratory. It was situated in the ground floor. It goes under knee-deep water during the monsoon.

The library is facing shortage of space and sitting arrangement. There is small number of books.

The lack of madicare facility and irregular power and water supply and unhygienic environment cause sufferings to the students.

The water supply in the college is irregular causing scarcity of water and the students and teachers suffer.

Besides the college campus goes under knee-deep water after slight rainfall.

On June 25 and 26 last the college campus including principal room and residence, teachers room, science laboratory, college ground went under knee-deep water after the rainfall.

During the last devastating flood the college was closed for a long time.

### 9 posts of teacher lying vacant

A total of 9 posts of teachers including Vice-Principal professor, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors has been lying vacant in the college for a long time hampering the educa-

tion of the students.

The vacant posts are as follows: one Professor and one assistant Professor in Political Science, one Professor and one Associate Professor in Bengali Department, one Associate Professor of Islamic History, and Assistant Professor of Social Welfare, one Associate Professor of Mathematics, one Associate Professor of Chemistry.

The reminders have been given on several occasion to the authority concerned in this regard but nothing has been done as yet.

The guardians and the local leaders urged the authority concerned to fill up the vacant posts of teachers on an emergency basis for imparting education to the students.

### Hostel in grip of problem

The students of the college is beset with manifold problems for a long time. It goes under knee-deep water after a slight rainfall during the monsoon.

The hostel situated beside the college where 200 students reside, are leading sub-human life. Acute accommodation problem has been prevailing in the hostel.

There is no proper arrangement for water supply and electricity.

The students alleged that the quality of food is very low. The guards and ayas are found absent. There is no guest room in the hostel. Outsiders are seen talking and gossiping in front of the hostel gate.