

Teacher shortage hits academic activities in Rajbari College

From Our Correspondent

RAJBARI, May 24:—The Rajbari Government College is beset with manifold problems such as shortage of teachers, inadequate class rooms and hostel accommodation, absence of recreational facilities seriously hampering academic activities of 3,000 students of the college.

When contacted Dr. Fakir Abdur Rashid, Principal of the college informed this Correspondent that of all the problems, at present shortage of teachers and inadequate class rooms are hampering the education of the students.

Out of 59 posts of teachers, 17 posts are lying vacant for a long time. The vacant posts are; nine of Associate Professors, 5 of Assistant Professors, three demonstrators of Science departments. Besides, the posts of physical instructor and librarian are lying vacant for over a decade. The posts of head and Assistant Accountants are also lying vacant causing inconveniences to the financial management of the college.

Honours Courses in four subjects were introduced in 1996 while those of eight other subjects in 1999 academic year. There is a provision of the National University that honours teaching departments must have seven teachers at the graduation levels including one Professor, one Associate Professor, two Assistance Professors and three lecturers in each subject. But the college has only four recognised posts in each subject including one Associate Professor, one Assistant Professor and two lecturers according to Enam Committee report.

The posts of Professors, and one more post of Assistant Professor have not yet been created in honours teaching subjects. Out of the existing posts, one post of Associate Professor in Bengali, English, General History, Islamic History and Culture, Mathematics, Economics, Management, Physics and Chemistry each and the posts of Assistant Professors

in Accountancy, Physics, Mathematics, Botany and Zoology are lying vacant. The college has a three storied academic building consisting of 18 class rooms but it requires at least 30 class rooms including seminar halls and librarians for each honours teaching departments to continue uninterrupted academic pursuits. Due to accommodation problems, all academic activities remain suspended during Board and University examinations of pass and subsidiary and honours courses. Having no recreational facilities, students during leisure periods are found loitering aimlessly on the corridors and gossiping and shouting in the campus hampering on-going classes of other subjects. The playground of the college is located in a low land which remains under water almost round the year specially in the rainy season. The college has no residential accommodation for the teachers except a small dormitory.

The students and guardians of the college demanded of the authorities concerned to solve the problems of the college with a view to ensuring proper academic environment.

Mill worker hut family members

Abdul Mutalib, an employee of the Goalundo Textile Mills injured his father, mother and son seriously with a sharp weapon due to poverty.

The Goalundo Textile Mills has been closed for the last one year, five hundred employees of the mills have been leading a miserable life. Another employee of the mill named Jonab Ali (50) died on starvation, one officer of the mills named Mohsin Khan died of heart attack following tension due to the closure of mills. The employees of the mills have also submitted a memorandum to the State Minister for Textiles, demanding re-open of the mills, but nothing has so far been done in this connection.