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Defalcation of Tk. 1.65cr school grants alleged

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, July 3:—In a departmental inquiry, misappropriation of Taka 1.65 crore has been detected at the district accounts office recently.

This huge amount of money was misappropriated on different dates from 1991 to 1992. The money has been sanctioned as development grants for the different educational institutions of Chandpur Sadar thana through forged documents it is alleged. During the 1991-92 financial year, Taka 1.15 crore was fraudulently withdrawn in the name of Shahtali Zilani Chisti High School, North Shahtali Jobaida Girls High School and Krishnapur Zohara Girls High School as development grants, and Taka 50 lakhs was withdrawn in March last, it is alleged.

The money was withdrawn on seven installments from the local branches of three nationalised banks.

The misappropriation was finally unearthed when fresh papers of grants amounting to Taka 2.50 crore in the names of Bajapti High School, Krishnapur Zohara Girls School, North Shahtali Jobaida Girls School and Amirabad High School were submitted in April last to the district accounts office for payment orders. Being suspicious the local accounts office brought the matter to the notice of the higher authorities in Dhaka.

A three-member inquiry team headed by Chief Accounts Officer came here recently and after investigation detected the case of misappropriation.

In this connection a case was registered with police.

Nilphamari

Our Nilphamari correspondent adds: The Headmaster of Dakkhin Ambari Government Primary School Mr. Abdus Sattar was charged with

the misappropriation of Government money and misuse of power. Mr. Abdus Sattar working as Headmaster of the same school for 30 years.

The government sanctioned Tk. 9,000 for repair of the school in the year 1991-92 fiscal year. But the headmaster did not repair the school and had shown a false voucher after misappropriating the money. The headmaster leased out the school field at Tk. 2,000 without the knowledge of education officer and misappropriated the money.

The Headmaster did not attend school regularly it is alleged. He started a false Madrasha in the name of Badurghula Aftadia Madrasha near his residence.

School closed, salary being drawn

The Baispukur No. 1 Government Primary School of Khalisa Chapani Union of Dimla thana of Nilphamari district has been closed down eight years ago. But the teachers of the school have been drawing their salary every month.

It is reported that the govt primary school has been closed eight years ago due to negligence of the teachers. But the teachers of the school have been drawing their salary without duty. As a result, the children of the area are deprived of primary education. The people of these area expressed concern over the affairs and no steps have been taken yet.

Barisal

A report from Barisal adds: The district Bureau of Anti-Corruption filed a case against Bibhuti Bhusan Principal, Agailjhara Collège and Jahangir Serniabad, ex-chairman, Agailjhara Upazila for misappropriation of Taka 2 lakh and 36 thousand from Agailjhara College fund.

It is alleged that the accused persons received Taka 10 lakh as donation from President Fund. Later the accused persons deposited the money in their own accounts in Sonali Bank, Agailjhara branch. After one year the accused persons drew Taka 10 lakh and 36 thousand from Sonali Bank with interest and constructed college boundary wall at a cost of Taka 8 lakh. But the accused persons submitted a bill of Taka 10 lakh as expenditure for the construction of boundary wall.

After receiving allegation the District Anti-Corruption Bureau investigated into the allegation and filed a case for defalcation of Taka 2 lakh and 36 thousand against above named persons.