

Female students face accommodation problem at Chandpur, Mymensingh

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, June 1: Female students' hostel of Chandpur Government University College is beset with manifold problems.

The hostel has a capacity of 25 students, but 100 girl students are staying there. The hostel was established in 1985 in four tin-shed houses. The tin-shed houses are in dilapidated condition now. Rain water enters into the rooms through holes during the rainy season. There is no proper arrangement for toilets, kitchens and dining halls there.

Many students are staying on the floor. At present about 100 girl students have applied for accommodation in the hostel. The number of students is increasing day by day due to introduction of honours and masters courses in the college. At present more than two girls are staying in a single bed. There is shortage of manpower like

night guards, cooks and caretakers. Water connection line is also defective.

UNB reports from Mymensingh: Once Mymensingh town was known as the town of education. Now the reputation is on the wane as its famous educational institutions are unable to accommodate girl students in their dormitories.

There are more than 12,000 female students in six colleges of the town, including government Ananda Mohon University College and a government women's college.

But most of them have to stay in rented houses as their institutions cannot accommodate them in their respective hostels.

"I have to pass my days in anxiety as my young daughter have to live in a mess of the town with her friends," said a guardian of a female student of Ananda Mohon College. Is it

not risky for girl students to live in messes? he questioned.

According to sources, Ananda Mohon College has only 80 seats in its dormitory for girl students as against 6,000 female students.

When attention of the college principal was drawn to the problem, he said, "We have been able to accommodate only 120 female students, including the doubling ones."

He said rest of the girl students, coming from remote areas, live of their own in vulnerable condition.

Students of Muminunnesa Women's College also face the same problem as it has accommodation only for 125 students out of 2500.

Mohakali College has, in fact, no hostel, except an unofficial arrangement of accommodation for 100 students. "But it's security measures are too inadequate to protect the girls," said a local resident.