

Thousands of children deprived of primary education in Moulvibazar

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Mar 25:— Shortage of teaching staff and educational equipment, want of schools in good number of villages, the dilapidated condition of existing schools and aversion to duty of a section of teachers hamper the Universal Primary Education Programme in all six thanas of the district. As a result, thousands of children are deprived of obtaining primary education in Moulvibazar district.

It is learnt that the number of school-going children in the district is about 2 lakh 26 thousand 8 hundred 70, of whom 2 lakh 10 thousand 2 hundred 43 children have been enrolled in different primary schools while the rest 16 thousand 6 hundred 33 children are out of enrolment. But it is found that out of the total enrolment, very good number of students are not going to school.

The primary schools of the district have always been facing shortage of teachers and officials. At present, 28 post of teachers including headmaster are lying vacant for long time while 10 post of official staff including MO, TO, ATO are lying vacant hampering the primary education programme here. There are 2 thousand 39 villages in all six thanas of the district while the number of primary schools are one thousand 21. As a result there is no primary school in a very good number of villages here.

Scarcity of drinking water, want of books, furniture and many other educational equipments hinder the overall situation of primary education. In the current academic year, more than 10 thousand enrolled students in different primary schools did

not get text books. Meanwhile, religious education is greatly hampered due to the absence of religious teachers in different schools. Moreover a section of teachers and officials are found almost inactive in doing their respective duties properly.

Meanwhile 80 per cent children aged between 5 to 12 of slum areas have not been enrolled in any primary school.

The authorities concerned and the guardians should come ahead to make the Universal Primary Education Programme a success.

Mosquito menace

Mosquito menace has assumed an alarming turn in Moulvibazar district town and adjoining areas causing

untold sufferings to the dwellers. Mosquito has gripped not only in towns but also in rural areas of this district. It is quite impossible for the professionals to work peacefully and students to attend to their lessons undisturbed at night due to the constant bites of the tiny insects. At present, the SSC candidates are being faced untold sufferings.

Derelict ponds, ditches and marshy places which are filled with water

hyacinth and filthy water in the town and its adjoining areas serve as the ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Beside this, 80 per cent drain of the district town is filled with garbage. Immediate steps should be taken to save dwellers from the grip of the mosquito.

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