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Poverty, teacher shortage, lack of motivation cited causes

23 pc drop-out from pry schools in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, Jan 10:-The number of drop-outs in primary schools is increasing in the district mainly due to poverty. The primary education for the children between the age groups of 6 and 11 years has been made compulsory.

According to the District Primary Education office, there are 203312 children between the age groups of 6 and 11 years in the four upazilas of the district.

Out of the total children, only 179776 have been enrolled in the primary schools of the district this year. The figure shows that about 23 per cent children have not been enrolled in the primary schools.

The shortage of schools and teachers, lack of motivation and poverty, the reasons that are causing set-back in implementing

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the Compulsory Primary Education Programme, many children, who are enrolled in the primary schools in the beginning of the academic year, leave schools because of poverty and other reasons.

Most of the drop-outs work in the motor garages, welding workshops, notes and restaurants while some pull rickshaws to support their families.

The school managing committees are formed mainly to motivate the guardians to send their children to schools. It is alleged that many managing committees do not discharge their responsibilities properly.

Adulteration on foodstuffs

The adulterated foodstuffs are

being sold in different markets of the district causing serious health hazard of the people.

Edible oil, butter, ghee, milk, flour, honey etc. which are found in the market are mostly adulterated. Rotten foodstuffs are also being sold in the hotels and restaurants.

The adulterated rice and salt have flooded the local markets. The substandard and outdated medicines are being sold by the businessmen causing serious health hazards.

Some dishonest traders are selling plain salt mixed with mud and stones as iodised salt. The breads and biscuits which have been selling in the markets are allegedly being produced with inferior quality ingredients.