

# Teacher shortage in 153 community school in Comilla

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, Oct 8: Education of students in the community primary schools across Comilla is being hampered mainly due to shortage of teachers and the negligence in duty of existing teachers.

The teachers of these schools were inattentive towards the education of students because of poor salary and irregular payment.

There are 153 community primary schools in the district with four posts of teacher in each of the school. But only one or two teachers are running each of these schools.

A good number of teachers have left the schools after getting better job with better salaries in other organizations. The monthly salary of a teacher of community primary school is only Tk. 50. Moreover, payment of salary is irregular. Their salary is paid after a gap of three to nine months.

The poor salary and irregular payment have made the teachers extremely unhappy. Some of them have left the job in disgust only a few months after joining.

Several guardians of the students said the teachers of these

schools were not attending classes regularly as they remained busy for getting better job elsewhere. A total of 3,778 community primary schools have been established in the country in 1996 under a joint project to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

The teachers of these schools used to receive their salary from the WB and the ADB till 2001. After the completion of the five-year project, the responsibility of running the schools was shifted to the government.

## Unlawfully appointed principal sacked

A former lawmaker of immediate past BNP-Jamaat coalition government illegally suggested to appoint a Degree college principal for establishing their political supremacy at Shahebabad Degree Collage under Brahmanpara upazila of the district and the authority of National University dismissed the principal from his post two and a half years after his service as principal.

Sources said, a letter issued from Education Ministry to the Vice Chancellor of National University said that the Governing body of Shahebabad Degree Collage under Brahmanpara upazila in Comilla district would take necessary step to dismiss Principal Md. Abdus Sattar. Senior Assistant Commissioner Md. Saiful Islam of the Ministry signed that letter on September 2 this year vide a memo (Edu/Sha: 9/Misc-20/2005/881).

It may be mentioned here that former MP Prof Md. Younus who is also the then President of Governing body of the said college sent a letter to the College Inspector of National University on April 18 in 2005 demanding the reform of rules to appoint principal of the collage because principal candidate Md. Abdus Sattar is the third class holder in his honours course.

## Appointment rules violated

For the appointment of a principal of a collage under the National University rules 4(Ka) must

be second class both in honours and Master's degree. But ignoring this rule the then BNP MP Professor Md. Younus suggested the appointment Md. Abdus Sattar as a principal of Shahebabad Degree Collage and following his suggestion the National University authority appointed him as principal of the said collage on June 1 in 2005.

Zakir Hossain, a local educationist filed complaint to the Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Department the (SHSED) against the appointment of Shahebabad Degree Collage principal. Following SHSED appointed the principal of Dabidwar S. A. Government College professor Wazed Mahmud Alamgir and requested him to submit a report after investigation of into the matter.

Professor Wazed Mahmud Alamgir submitted the report on July 13 last and on the basis of that report, the National University dismissed Md. Abdus Sattar from the post of principal of Shahebabad Degree Collage on September 2 this year.