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Pry schools of Borguna beset with problems

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BORGUNA. March 31: 80 percent government primary schools of 5 upazilas of Borguna district have been facing setback creating obstacles in imparting education to the children of the district.

There are in all 1,35,000 students in 389 government

primary and 133 non-government primary schools in Borguna district and as many as 2700 teachers are required on the basis of one teacher for 50 students. But at present too inadequate number of teachers are serving against the sanctioned posts of 2248 teachers.

It is gathered that dilapidated condition of most of the primary school buildings, inadequacy of furniture, scarcity of teachers are ascribed as the main causes of deterioration of the education programme in Borguna district.

Besides, abnormal high price of paper and other educational appliances, financial crisis, poverty and other social factors are also depriving the children of the opportunity to have primary education.

The primary schools which have been damaged by floods,

storms, cyclones and natural calamity during the last five years, specially by the devastating cyclone of April 29 have not yet been repaired.

More over, roofs of many school building have been severely damaged. Many of the schools are holding classes under the open sky. Most of the schools do not have sufficient supply of pure drinking water and students are compelled to drink impure water from tanks and ponds.

For want of pucca latrines the students respond to call of nature here and there and pollute the environment. A good number of schools are holding classes in buildings which may collapse at any moment. Buildings of Ruhita, Dhushkhali, Ghopekhal, North Barataswar, Khuchuichora pry schools of Bamna upazila were handed over to the facilities department but the contractors left their job unfinished.

On the otherhand Joynagar no school building at all. is the case with 8 school

Borguna sadar upazila. 21 schools in Betagi upazila are kutcha or dilapidated. 7 schools in Amtoli upazila have no building and 30 are kutcha or in a dilapidated. 23 schools in Patharghata upazila are kutcha and in deplorable condition.

In absence of benches, 50 percent students are to sit either on mats or on bricks. In some schools there is not a single chair and the teachers are to sit on benches.

The supply of necessary appliances including blackboards, chalk, dusters is too inadequate.

Eighty percent of the schools have no playgrounds. More over, some of the teachers are not discharging their duties regularly. it is alleged by guardians.

The guardians and elite have appealed to the authorities to take effective measures so that the long standing grievances of the primary schools are redressed.