

Private aided schools seek more teachers

Managements of private aided schools have come down heavily on the State government for not allowing them to fill up vacancies since 2012. They are also against the government move to shift teachers of aided schools, which have been closed owing to lack of students, to their schools.

Addressing a press conference here on Monday, J.D. Puttaswamy Gowda, president of the Federation of Hassan District Aided/Unaided Educational Institutions, said Education Department officials had recently convened a meeting in Hassan to convey that the institutes would not be allowed to fill up vacant slots.

“For three years, a teacher post has been vacant at our institute — Sri Malleshwara High School at Valalahalli in Sakleshpur taluk. All these years we have managed to run the school by making temporary arrangements. The government should allow us to appoint eligible candidates,” he said.

The federation said that for years eligible graduates have been working at such schools for paltry sums.

“At my institute, five posts are vacant. We have appointed teachers on temporary basis, promising that they would be regularised once the government gives consent. Where should all of them go now?” asked Bhagyamma Kaliveer, head of Kaliveer Vidya Samsthe, which runs many schools.

B. Shantharaju of B. Siddannaiah High School at Ballupete, near Sakleshpur, said, “We will not take the teachers the government sends. These teachers have already failed to attract students in the schools they had worked. We cannot expect them to do wonders in our schools,” he said.

Office-bearers of the federation said it would be difficult to run the schools under the new policies. They opined that it would be better if the government simply acquires these schools by paying off the school managements.