

Nationalisation Of School

Sir,

Congratulation to Mr. Hafiz Uddin Ahmed on his letter "Request For Nationalization" of the school at Mirpur, Road No. 1 published in these columns of the Bangladesh Observer of February 23, 1993. However, some of my observations are as under:

1) According to Mr. Ahmed, the school has been doing a wonderful job and hence it is not clear why he wants the nationalisation of the school.

2) In case the present school has the scope and the space for further development, Mr. Ahmed ought to have suggested that. Alternatively Mr. Ahmed ought to have offered a suggestion for a new school, under the new scheme of Education Policy.

3) Mr. Ahmed ought to know that the nationalisation policy in the past had failed badly in Bangladesh specially in the field of production and distribution of goods.

4) To expand the area of education for more and more children, we need more and more schools, and this demand can be met by building new schools/colleges and this cannot be done through nationalisation of the existing schools/colleges and it is a wrong policy. Three shifts schools would solve some problems.

5) For ready reference, Mr. Ahmed could easily study the policies of the other developed countries, where there are two types of schools (a) Public schools/colleges that are built by the Government and financed by the Government which are open to all citizens (b) private schools/colleges and even universities.

a) At present we have nearly 37,655 primary schools, of which a very large number cannot function smoothly because the nationalization theory without adequate finance never did any good to any country of the world, nor will it bring any good to us unless we follow the basic theories so far evolved by the developed countries of the world.

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