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Inside Cadet Colleges

Sir,

Cadet Colleges are run by some rigid rules and regulations that are scarcely known to the people of this country. Apart from the academic activities the Cadets have to attend the compulsory games, morning P.T. and drill. After the academic hour the cadets have to attend preparation classes during afternoon and evening hours supervised by the lecturing staff. In these Institutions the teachers are burdened with a couple of extra duties other than teaching as House duty master and duty master who have to work from 0545 to 2245 hours. Besides some of them have to take the charge of College Dairy farm, Agriculture, Electricity, and many others for which they are not given any allowance. All these in brief are carried out by the teachers. But the Question is—how far these duties can be performed by the teachers without additional remuneration.

There is no teacher's Association through which they can not ventilate their grievances. The major cause of their extreme dissatisfaction lies in the higher authority's imposition of new regulations and orders without paying heed to the interest of the teaching community totally disturbing their normal family life. In a recent order, the Chairman, Cadet Colleges, instructs that the teachers will have to stay at night from 2245 to 0530 hours in the hostel of the cadets for guarding them. For this there are chaukidars, Duty N.C.O.'s and dormitory bearers on duty from 2245 to 0530 hours. When the country is passing through a historic moment of political polarisation ensuring democratic norms in every sphere of political, social and economic life, the teachers are falling victims to endless repression and autocracy of the college administration. As a matter of fact teachers have no representation in any co-ordination meeting where policies are formulated as per suggestion of the principals of ten cadet colleges. It is worth mentionable that the Principals are highly privileged and powerful who exercise their authority as they wish. It is really surprising how long the imposed policies will be carried out by a group of people having the highest degree of the land with their mouth shut. In this regard we would like to draw the attention of the concerned Ministry as well as the conscious people of this country.

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