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Donation For School Admission

Sir,

It has been observed that many schools in Dhaka charge a donation from guardians for admission of their wards. The amount of donation varies from Tk. ten thousand to Tk fifty thousand depending on the reputation of the school. This is a serious malpractice and needs to be dealt with severely. It shows the ability of guardians to pay donations and not the talent and merit of the students which matter most for the purpose of admission. Had these schools not drawn any Government grants and subsidies, such donations could have carried some logic. But the fact remains that all these schools are drawing 80% per cent contributions towards teachers' salary from the Government, charging high tuition fees from students and at the same time demanding donations from guardians. No word is strong enough to condemn this unethical practice.

It seems that D-G Education and Ministry of Education are silent spectators to this game and the poor guardians and students find themselves are utterly helpless. If an enquiry is conducted into the matter by the Ministry of Education or D-G Education the whole thing will be crystal clear. In the fitness of things government should cancel recognition of these schools which indulge in this malpractice. Government should also stop contribution towards teachers' salary of these schools. These schools are not educational institutions in the true sense but are purely commercial houses devoid of any ethics and morality. Even in British colonial days such things were unheard of. Will the Parliamentary Committee on Ministry of Education go into it?

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