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Private Colleges

Sir,

After the emergence of Bangladesh there has been a phenomenal growth in the number of non-govt. colleges. Apparently this looks like a healthy sign. But the mushroom growth of private colleges in practically every nook and corner of the country has resulted in serious deterioration of the academic standard. Education upto a certain level is a must, but not certainly college education. Quality of teaching in most of the private college is not upto the mark. Large scale copying in these colleges is a matter of common knowledge.

Our country does not need so many college graduates most of whom find themselves unemployed after passing the exam by means, fair or foul. Govt. has to pay 70% of the professors of these colleges and the total amount thus spent is enormous. Had this education been relevant to the socio-economic development of the country, public funds spent for the purpose would have been justified but this is hardly the case.

Hence the imperative need of the time is to maintain a limited number of colleges and impart quality education there. The number of colleges

actually required by the country should be carefully examined and worked out by the Ministry of Education. My humble opinion is that to start with no more private colleges outside district towns should be allowed. The position of existing colleges outside district Headquarters should be reviewed from time to time. The idea is politically distasteful but socially desirable.

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