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School Syllabus

Sir,-I observed that reputed high schools of Rajshahi area are setting English questions for admission to Class III of their Primary Section, the standard of which is that of Class VI. When asked about teaching of English in Class II, one teacher of a Primary school replied that there is no provision for English in the Syllabus for Class II and no book has been printed by the Bangladesh School Text Book Board for class II. He, however said that they try to teach alphabets from books available in the market. My question is when there is no book prescribed by the authority : how and why high school authorities set English of higher standard in their question for admission test for Class III?

Further I observe that two English books have been prescribed for Class III where no provision has been kept for learning of alphabets for hand writing. In this connection I also enquired of the matter with District Education authorities who also admit that there is some anomaly in this regard. My point is that we are Bangalees and we are to know foreign language from alphabet (both capital and small (printed) and both hand writing) to word and thereafter sentences.

I also observe that a book "Islam Dharma Shikkha" has been prescribed for Class III where provision has been made for learning of "Kalema, Iman Sura" etc. in Arabic but no provision has been made for learning alphabets of Arabic in any class. Does the authority mean to say that these will be taught by angels or somebody else?

I am a mother of a few children who are students of different classes in Primary and Secondary Schools and as such I am to know the correct position of the above points from the competent authority. Will the concerned Ministry/Department please clarify the position? Yours, etc. HAMIDA BEGUM, Laxmipur, Bhatpara, Rajshahi.

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