

School Holidays

Sir,

It is alleged by many of the guardians that most of the government schools in the country could not hold adequate, in many cases, even reasonable number of classes/lesson-periods from the beginning of the year. It so happened because of various programmes, such as the holding of:

a) Admission test and subsequent interviews

b) Annual Sports, Cultural Functions and Milad Mehfil

c) Special (with necessary arrangements/adjustments) classes for the B. Ed trainees and

d) The SSC examination. In addition to these, there have been hartals and Government holidays. Now that the Ramadan vacation is on, most of the schools will re-open after the Eid-ul-Fitr. Thus, the guardians find that their school-going children had few classes/lesson-periods since the start of the new academic session.

In this context, I would request the heads of government schools situated in the city to ponder over the following points:

a) Will all the government schools hold three examinations in 1989, such as the First Terminal Test, the Second Terminal Test and the Annual Examination? If so how can an institution accommodate all these examinations in the remaining months after the school re-opens in May '89?

b) Supposing the schools re-open on May 13 (Saturday), how many actual working days will be there in total, since January 13?

c) Could the teachers do justice to the students so far no teaching in the class-room is concerned?

d) Can the entire syllabus be well taught and then revised before the annual examination starts in November 1989?

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