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## LETTERS FROM READERS



### BUET closed, why?

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) is closed sine die since October 26 1988 as a consequence of the demands of the students, who want (1) withdrawal of class test system and (2) enhancement of yearly stipends. These demands are not really very difficult to meet. The class test system was introduced only a few years back and it was undoubtedly in the interests of the students, for the improvement of the standard of education and training there.

The respectable Vice-Chancellor in cooperation with all the other members of the teaching staff could call an assembly of all the students and sincerely take an attempt to make his boys and girls understand the complexity of modern technology and thus convince them to take more efforts to face and compete in the class test. I believe that this honest endeavour on the part of the teaching staff would not go in vain.

As for enhancement of yearly stipends, the demand is very much genuine. Any patriotic government must give sympathetic attention to this

legitimate demand of the students who are the potential assets of the country. The present rate of yearly stipend i.e Tk 1500/- only is obviously a negligible amount for a student of BUET. The aforesaid rate of stipend was introduced more than two decades back when a student of DU residing in SM Hall could easily support himself with an amount of Tk 200/- or less per month whereas at present a very simple-living resident student of SM Hall cannot pull on with less than Tk 1200/- per month.

It is therefore, very much reasonable for the students of BUET to ask for the enhancement of their yearly stipend. The present rate of stipend must not be less than Tk 5000/- per annum. It may involve the exchequer some crores of taka which will, of course, be spent for a very right cause.

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### In the name of a high school

It is learnt that a fake high school under Upazila Madan, Dist. Netrakona did

not have any recognition. But it surprisingly received a special allocation of Taka 50,000/- vide Education Ministry Memo No 311 C-42/88/587 dt. 11-7-88 and DGSE Memo No 6834 [special] dt 16-7-88, whereas many genuinely recognized schools are facing acute shortage of funds to meet their day-to-day expenses.

I wonder how the authority concerned can release such a huge fund in favour of a school without verifying the records which are easily available. It is also interesting that the said school also managed 15 bundles of CI sheet from the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation earlier. As a matter of fact the recognized and needy schools might reasonably feel discouraged by such wrongful act of the authorities concerned.

In this connection, I feel that the authority must take appropriate action to foil the evil designs of a handful of people and also warn the concerned officers involved in such corrupt activities at large for future reference.

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