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### Admission into medical colleges

The attention of the government is hereby drawn to the rules declared for admission into medical colleges for the session 1988-89. With the change in the system of examination for admission, it was expected that the students would be able to sit for the admission test in greater numbers. But the rules published in the different newspapers recently have removed that hope.

According to the rules of the different Boards and the Universities, a student is allowed to sit as a regular student once and as a 'casual' student for three consecutive years and they are allowed to sit for the admission test in the next higher classes without any bar with the regular students. If the same rule is followed for the admission test in the medical colleges then the students who have passed the SSC examination in 1983 too will be eligible for application.

When the universities are allowing the "casual" stu-

dents then why should these students be barred from applying in the medical admission test? The authority may attach importance to the year of passing the preceding examination and deduct 25 marks for every year lost. The government would do proper justice if students who had secured 1200 or more marks are allowed after such deduction to apply and sit for the admission test if they fulfil other conditions.

It is learnt that from this year the authority has changed the mark deduction rule too. So long 25 marks would have been deducted for every preceding year. But they have recently declared that 50 marks will be deducted for every such year. We request the authorities not to change the medical admission rule so frequently.